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UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE REQUESTED COL. FAIRBAIRN FOR OG INSTRUCTION WHEN AVAILABLE FROM PRESENT ASSIGNMENT WITH RESCUE GROUP FOR NORWAY. THIS WILL BE DONE IF YOU FEEL THERE WILL BE NO EMBARRASSMENT BECAUSE OF HIS STATUS AS BRITISH OFFICER.

TOD: 1724 8 MAR 45 WJD

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#1714. TO 154 FROM OPSAF AND TOFTE.

OPSAF DECIDED FAIRBAIRN PLAN NOT WITHIN SHAEF DIRECTIVES BUT AUTHORIZED BASTEDO DISCUSS PLAN WITH G-5, PUBLIC SAFETY BRANCH.

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Fairbairn 10 Feb

United States
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20 February 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR BRITISH WAR OFFICE

Subject: PROMOTION OF MAJOR WILLIAM EWART FAIRBAIRN, SN-[illegible].

1. It is requested that consideration be given to the promotion of Major William Ewart Fairbairn, SN-[illegible], to the temporary rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

2. Major Fairbairn has been seconded to the Office of Strategic Services since 1 October 1942. Prior to that time he had been with this office since 1942 on a loan basis from SOE.

3. Major Fairbairn's ratings have been uniformly superior, and his wealth of knowledge, background and personal characteristics have made him our most effective and valued instructor. He has been appointed head instructor in close combat and weapons, the subjects in which he is especially well qualified. His duties require him to supervise and instruct in these fields our instructors in all training areas. The increased rank will enable him better to perform his new supervisory functions and will enhance his value to this organization.

4. We have been permitted to assume all obligations in connection with Major Fairbairn's service with this organization and shall, under that permission, assume the additional obligation which will arise if this promotion is granted.

William J. Donovan
Director

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Special Funds

Assistant Director

6 October 1943

Major W. E. Fairbairn

1. I attach hereto a copy of my letter to General Telfer-Smollett dated 5 October 1943 concerning the transfer of Major W. E. Fairbairn (now at Area "A") to the payroll of this agency.

2. Please forward a check in the sum of $410.00 to British Security Co-ordination (to reimburse them for Major Fairbairn's October salary) and place Major Fairbairn on the regular payroll of Schools & Training at $410.00 per month.

W. Edward Buxton

Attachment

DONOVAN:PETERSON

cc: Colonel Hoag

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6 October 1943

Major-General Alexander Telfer-Smollett
British Security Co-ordination
630 Fifth Avenue (Room 3815)
New York, New York

My dear General Telfer-Smollett:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 4 October 1943 and to express our appreciation of your action with respect to Major [redacted] Fairbairn.

In accordance with your suggestion, the transfer of Major Fairbairn to this office shall be effective from 1 October 1943. I have given instructions that Major Fairbairn shall be paid a salary of $416.67 per month and that a check in that amount be forwarded to your office to reimburse you for the October salary.

Very truly yours,

W. Edward Buxton
Assistant Director

DONOVAN:PETERSON

cc: Special Funds
Colonel Hoag

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BRITISH SECURITY CO-ORDINATION

CIRCLE 6-8500

630 FIFTH AVENUE
ROOM 1000
NEW YORK CITY

SECRET AND
PERSONAL

October 4, 1943.

Colonel G.E. Buxton,
Office of Strategic Services,
630 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Colonel Buxton:

I received a letter from Brigadier-General Donovan dated 18th August, 1943, in which he requested us to arrange for the transfer to the Office of Strategic Services of Major W.E. Fairbairn. I have now received a telegram from London stating that War Office approval has been obtained for the loan of Major W.E. Fairbairn to the Office of Strategic Services without pay and allowances from Army funds. The authority for the loan is P/159882/1MS1(a) of 24th September.

I suggest that we should make the transfer effective from 1st October, 1943, and I should be glad to know that you are in agreement with this. I find that we have already paid Major Fairbairn $418.00 which is his salary for the month of October. If you are in agreement that the transfer should be effective from 1st October, perhaps you will give instructions for the $418.00 to be paid over to this office.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Telfer-Smollett

Alexander Telfer-Smollett,
Major-General.

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BRITISH SECURITY CO-ORDINATION

CIRCLE 6-6800

[redacted] FIFTH AVENUE
(ROCKEFELLER CENTER)
NEW YORK CITY

August 21, 1943.

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services,
WASHINGTON, D.C. (25)

My dear General Donovan:

Thank you for your letter of August 18th regarding the transfer of Major W.E. Fairbairn to the Office of Strategic Security. I have taken this matter up with the War Office and will let you know the result as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Alexander Telfer-Smollett

Alexander Telfer-Smollett
Major General.

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16 August 1943

Major General Telfer-Smollett
630 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear General Telfer-Smollett:

Since early in 1942 Major D. E. Fairbairn has been assigned to the Office of Strategic Services on a loan basis from SOE. His services have been of inestimable value in our training program.

I am anxious for this office to assume responsibility for Major Fairbairn and I am writing to ask that he be seconded to the Office of Strategic Services by the British War Office.

I assure you that I deeply appreciate the opportunity of having Major Fairbairn in our organization. His outstanding ability is continually reflected in his popularity among the other instructors as well as our administrative staff.

In fairness, I believe that we should assume the obligations in connection with Major Fairbairn's duty with this office.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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LIST 2.

SUBJECT: Employment of Former Agents of Allied Governments

The provisions of General Order No. 12 shall not be applicable to the employment in OSS of Major W. K. Fairbairn, British Army. This is to be considered as a special exception and in all other cases the provisions of General Order No. 12 shall be applicable.

[redacted]
Acting Director

Bane:Black

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OSS SECRETARIAT - ROUTE SLIP

Date 20 July

To	Name	Initials
	O. C. Doering	
	F. J. Ball, Jr.	
✓	C. A. Ba[illegible]	
	D. C. Lee	
	G. S. Platt	
	P. F. Pugliese	
	E. J. Putzell, Jr.	
	A. W. Sulloway	
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Date: 7/30/43

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To: Ensign Putzell

Re: Exception to General Order No. 12
Memo dated July 27 from
Lt.Kenneth P.Miller

Please prepare the proper order retaining this man to be signed by COLONEL BUXTON.

F.Smith

G. Edward Buxton
Assistant Director

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel G. Edward Buxton DATE: 29 July 1943

FROM: Ensign E. J. Putzel, Jr.

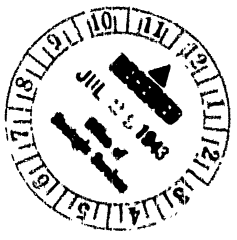
SUBJECT:

1. The attached is recommended for your approval. General Order No. 12 is also submitted for your information.

2. As you know, Major Fairbairn is the former Chief of Shanghai Police and, without doubt, the ablest instructor on our teaching staff. His loss would be a most grievous blow to our training program.

3. At present Major Fairbairn receives $338.00 a month from British SOE. It is not known whether he receives any allowance from the British Army in England, but it is thought that he does not. Unless OSS is in a position to pay the Major's salary while he works in our schools, he will be lost to OSS.

E.J.P., Jr.



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Prepare the proper form to be signed by Col B. to retain this man

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G. Edward Buxton
Assistant Director

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FROM:

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

Accession No. .....

H Kenneth P. Miller

Date Rec'd SA .....

To	Room No.	Date Rec'd.	Date Fwd'd.	Officer's Initials	Comments
1. Colonel Buxton					
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Each comment should be numbered to correspond with number in *To* column.
A line should be drawn across sheet under each comment.
Officer Designations should be used in *To* column.
Each Officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing.
Action desired or action taken should be indicated in *Comments* column.
Routing sheet should always be returned to Registry.
For Officer Designations see separate sheet.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel G. Edward Buxton DATE: 27 July, 1943

FROM: Lt. Kenneth P. Miller

SUBJECT Exception to General Order No. 12

1. It is urgently requested that an exception to General Order No. 12 be made in order that the services of Major W. E. Fairbairn may be retained by OSS.

2. The British SOE no longer sees fit to pay Major Fairbairn's salary while he is seconded to us. It is, therefore, necessary for us to pay him directly the equivalent of his present salary in order to retain his services. Such direct payment is prohibited by General Order No. 12, since Major Fairbairn is a British subject.

3. Major Fairbairn is, of course, invaluable to us. His services certainly cannot be lost at this time. Therefore, exception to the above mentioned order must be made.

Kenneth P. Miller

KENNETH P. MILLER
1st Lt., AUS
Acting Chief,
Schools & Training Branch

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1st Lt., AUS
Acting Chief,
Schools & Training Branch

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GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER - 12
ISSUED - 9/10/43
EFFECTIVE - 9/18/43

List S

SUBJECT: Employment of Former Agents of Allied Governments

1. Effective immediately, no person not an American citizen shall be employed by OSS who, at any time on or after January 1, 1939, shall have engaged on behalf of any Allied Government in any work similar to that performed by any of the following branches of OSS: M.O., S.O., Schools and Training, S.I., F.N., and Communications.

2. This prohibition shall not apply to employment in the field for special service.

Director

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To: Dwight

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I agree with Happner
that nothing further
should be done

Col

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HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
CHINA THEATER

APO 627
30 March 1945

Major General William J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

While you were in China you approved, at the request of Lt. Thurston of X-2, the direct commissioning of two enlisted men, Sgt. Peter Ferguson and S/Sgt. Robert K. Rodgerson. I submitted their papers to the OCC Promotions Board which considered their qualifications very carefully.

The Board concluded that:

a) These men lack the rare or specialized skills necessary
b) lack sufficient educational qualifications
c) lack military experience
d) have shown lack of military attitude while serving with Detachment 202
e) there is insufficient evidence of outstanding qualities of leadership.

The Board further found that there is nothing to indicate that the jobs performed by these men cannot continue to be successfully carried out without their commissioning. Furthermore, our Board feels that the direct commissioning of these men would prejudice the morale of this organization and, in addition, would prejudice the position of the Promotions and Citations Board with the Theater Board in regard to future applications.

In view of the Board's very strong feeling, I do not believe that I should over-ride them unless you specifically wish me to do so. My honest feeling is that commissioning is not called for under the circumstances.

Sincerely,

RICHARD P. HEPPNER
Colonel, FA
Strategic Services Officer

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Felderhoff, Henry
x Tydings, Sen. Millard

8 April 1948

Honorable Millard Tydings
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Tydings:

We have now heard from Mr. Henry W. Felderhof whom you recommended to us in your letter of 1 March 1948.

Mr. Felderhof writes us that as he now has a position he is not interested in any possibilities with this agency.

While we regret that we were not able to meet Mr. Felderhof and talk with him about possible placement in this agency, we are nevertheless indebted to you for your interest in suggesting Mr. Felderhof to us.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Director

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Date [illegible]

To: [illegible]

You will recall Senator Tydings' letter recommending Mr. Felderhof for work with OSS.

Although personnel forms were sent to Mr. Felderhof some time ago, PTD has had no answer from him yet. I have talked to Antell again, and he agreed that he would write Felderhof today, asking if he had received the forms and say that we would be glad to interview him if he should be in Washington.

I have prepared a letter for the General's signature to tell Senator Tydings how the matter stands at present. If you approve this letter, would you send it on to the General's office.

John W. Auchincloss
John W. Auchincloss
1st Lt., [illegible]
Office of the Secretariat

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16 March 1946

The Honorable Millard E. Tydings
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Tydings:

Thank you for your letter of 1 March concerning Mr. Henry W. Felderhof.

Some time ago our personnel office sent the necessary forms to Mr. Felderhof in order to ascertain his qualifications, but as we have not yet heard from him, it has not been possible for us to determine whether we have an opening in which his services could be used to advantage. However, we have just written him again to make sure that he received the forms, and to say that we should be glad to see him if he comes to Washington.

I very much appreciate your interest in recommending Mr. Felderhof to us.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

AWS:mr

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
TERRITORIES AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

March 1, 1945

Major General Wm. J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Service
25th & E Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

I am glad to write you in behalf of Mr. Henry W. Felderhof, Route 2, Princess Anne, Maryland who is desirous of obtaining, if possible, a position with your organization.

Mr. Felderhof has been a citizen of the United States since May 5, 1900. He has traveled extensively, has had wide experience as an export man and has a very fine background. He speaks the Dutch, French, German, Spanish and Malay languages and has a civil service status.

He served for over two years with the U. S. Coast Guard Service as Chief Petty Officer and was discharged in June 1944. During his service he acted as an Interpreter and enjoyed, I believe, a very good record.

I am very glad to commend him to you and bespeak your kind consideration of Mr. Felderhof in the event of any opportunity for which he might qualify.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

M Tydings

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Territories and Insular Affairs

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/S/ M. E. Tydings

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
44 NASSAU STREET · PRINCETON NEW JERSEY
TELEPHONE 8-500

R. KENNETH FAIRMAN
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
SECRETARY, COUNCIL ON ATHLETICS

March 2, 1945

Dear General Donovan

I have received your letter and was happy to learn that my work with the Office of Strategic Services was satisfactorily done. I did my best to have it so.

The three months I spent as a member of your organization were enjoyable ones and the experience of working with these men was tremendously interesting and worthwhile. I thank you for the opportunity to serve these fellows.

Sincerely yours
Wesley Fiesler

P.S. Marion Taylor (Mrs. Charles Caldwell) sends her regards.

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18 February 1943

Mr. Wesley Eugene Fesler
36 Lenn Avenue
Middletown, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Fesler:

I understand that you have completed the setting up of the physical program for which you came to this office and that you are now leaving to take a position at Princeton University.

I would like to express my appreciation for the way in which you have performed your duties as a member of the Office of Strategic Services. You can rightly feel that your efforts here have been a positive contribution to the operations of this office and to the war.

I hope that you will have every success at your new post.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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To Charlie Bene

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
School and Training Branch
2324 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

12 February 1945

SUBJECT: Termination Letter

TO: The Director, OSS

1. It is requested that the attached termination letter be sent to Mr. Wesley Eugene Fesler, 36 Lawn Avenue, Middletown, Connecticut.

2. Mr. Fesler came to OSS on 5 November 1944 as instructor in charge of the athletic program at the Recreation Center at Area F. He has performed his work in an excellent manner and is leaving the organization to take up work at Princeton University.

W. C. ROBINSON
Colonel, TA
Chief, [illegible] and Training

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

13 February 1945

TO: General Donovan

FROM: Japan-China Section, FEI

SUBJECT: Lt. Russell Fette, USNR, 117822
Intelligence Center, 7th Fleet
c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco

1. We have today filed with PPB a request for the transfer of Lt. Fette to OSS for SI work in the China Theater.

2. Lt. Fette was raised in North China and speaks the language fluently. He served as Assistant Naval Attache at Chungking from June, 1942, until June, 1944. OSS was unable to request his transfer when he came home last year because no Naval slots were available and he therefore was sent to a Combat Intelligence School by the Navy and thence to duty in the Pacific. We feel, however, that he has unusual qualifications that are now greatly needed by us in our new program.

3. Since he is assigned to the 7th Fleet and on duty there now, it will probably be very difficult to get him. However, it may be that you will be in a position during your Pacific trip to make a personal request for Fette on the spot. If this is possible, it should turn the trick, and FEI will naturally be most grateful for anything you feel you can do to help us get him.

[redacted]
Major, AUS
Chief, Japan-China Section
Far East Division, SI

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#12414. This is a relay of Sunnyridge #124.

Reference Caserta-Sunnyridge #[illegible] relay Washington #581 impossible for us to use cheteau of Mme. Fodor. Thanks for your consideration.

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DATE November 5, 1944

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#12031. Glavin to Secretariat. CONFIDENTIAL

We have referred to Gamble for Bruce offer of villa on West coast of France owned by Mrs. J. F. Kahn. Since location of this facility makes it of no immediate value to us although offer is appreciated. Gamble has been asked to send his reply directly to you.

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To: General Donovan

Attached for your signature is a letter to Mrs. J. P. Parker, who you may recall got in touch with Mr. Van Leuven and offered us the use of her chateau in southern France.

A cable was sent to Gibraltar on or about 11 Oct. asking whether he would have any use for the chateau. As no answer was received from this cable, we sent a follow-up several days ago and today a wire came in from Gamble saying that it would not be possible to make use of this property.

R. H. Hillenkoetter

Office of the Secretariat

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7 November 1944

Mrs. J. F. Feder
973 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Feder:

When Mr. Van Beuren told me of your generous offer to make available to this agency your chateau on the coast of southern France between Biarritz and Bayonne, I immediately cabled our principal representative in the area and asked whether it would be possible for us to make use of a chateau in this location. Unfortunately, communications difficulties due to the rapid advance of the American armies in France have prevented a reply from reaching us as promptly as we had anticipated. However, we have just received word advising us that it will not be feasible for us to use your property.

I do hope that our delay in giving you an answer has not put you to any inconvenience. Your consideration in offering the chateau to us is greatly appreciated and I am sure from Mr. Van Beuren's description that under different circumstances it would have made an ideal rest home for some of our men.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 11 October 1944

TO : General Donovan

FROM : Secretariat

SUBJECT Property of Mrs. J. F. Feder

Attached is a memorandum from Mr. Van Beuren describing an offer made to him by Mrs. J. F. Feder of New York City to permit OSS to use her chateau on the coast of France between Biarritz and Bayonne.

As this property is located at a sept which is now quite remote from present OSS operations, it seems likely that you may ~~would~~ not wish to accept her offer at this time. I am therefore attaching a proposed letter to Mrs. Feder thanking her for her suggestion. If you feel that we could make some use of this chateau, possible as a rest home, it is suggested that we cable Glavin asking whether he can make any use of the chateau. I am attaching such a cable for your initials in the event that you wish to adopt this alternative.

A. W. Galloway
Acting Chief
Secretariat

Dear Mrs F

When Mr Van Beuren told me of your very generous offer to make available to this agency your chateau on the coast of [illegible] between Biarritz and Bayonne [illegible] immediately [illegible] and asked whether it would be possible to use a chateau in this location [illegible]

Unfortunately communication difficulties due to the rapid advance of the American armies in France have prevented a reply from reaching us as promptly as we had hoped

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#5814. 109 to Glavin.

Mrs. J.F. Feder has offered us use of her chateau located on coast between Biarritz and Bayonne. Chateau is reported to be large, having 8 rooms with bath on second floor and 16 rooms with bathing facilities on third floor. All customary modern conveniences are provided. Housekeeper in charge is competent to obtain servants and manage the establishment.

Kindly advise whether you could make any use of this chateau.

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TOD: 10/12/44 10:32 PM

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. W. Sulloway

DATE: 3 October 1944

FROM : A. van Deuren

SUBJECT: Property of Mrs. J. F. Feder

This is to confirm our conversation of today regarding my recent telephone conversation with Mrs. J. F. Feder, 973 Fifth Avenue, New York City. It so happens that Mrs. Feder is an old friend of mine and my family's and that her grandson, Joseph McCrindle, is now in the U. S. Army and serving with OSS (X-2) in ETO. Mrs. Feder is a very wealthy woman and has a number of residences in France and England.

Mrs. Feder telephoned to offer to the OSS her property known as Chateau la Halle which, she says, is located on the coast between Biarritz and Bayonne. She would be willing to have this house used for any purpose OSS desired, but indicates that it would be particularly suitable as a rest home.

She described it to me as being a large villa containing all the usual modern conveniences with 8 rooms with bath on the second floor and, I believe, some 18 rooms with adequate bath facilities on the third floor. She understands that the Germans have been occupying the property but have not damaged the building, although she does not know in what condition the furniture was left. She has a housekeeper in the house whom she describes as being extremely capable and quite competent to obtain a local staff of servants, as well as to manage and run the establishment.

I know that Mrs. Feder's motives in this matter are entirely those of wishing to do something for the war effort and particularly for the OSS, in which she is especially interested on account of her grandson. She told me that she would be delighted to come to Washington to discuss details with General Donovan, or his representative, should the OSS be interested in accepting her offer.

May I suggest that even if it is decided that we have no use for the property General Donovan write her a personal letter in order that she may feel that the matter has been brought to his attention.

A. van Deuren

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

11 May 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WILLIAM J. DONOVAN

SUBJECT: Captain Robert Fellner

I have called Mr. Murphy. He says that you are familiar with Fellner because you yourself fired him, after he had made a trip to London and Lisbon for OSS "where he made a complete fool of himself".

Mr. Murphy says he is both unstable and indiscreet.

After he was let go by OSS, he obtained a commission. He again attempted to get into OSS, and was turned down. Mr. Murphy met him in London where he tried to get into X-2 in February of this year. Mr. Murphy turned him down, and made a note in the X-2 Files that under no circumstances was he to be admitted into OSS. Fellner recently married an English girl and British Intelligence advised Mr. Murphy that he (Fellner) should not be working for the OSS.

Mr. Fellner's previous experience was at the State Department where he dealt with Balkan affairs. Thereafter he was with the Department of Justice.

Mr. Murphy believes you will recall him when furnished with these details. Draft of cable attached.

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RT
Robert Thrun

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

3 August 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: Lieut. Putzell

FROM: Lt. Comdr. B. W. Antell, USNR

SUBJECT: Captain Herbert K. Fenn

1. I telephoned Captain Fenn with the idea of making an appointment to see him. He is a Naval Captain. According to him, General Donovan approached him some time ago with regard to a possible assignment in OSS, but Captain Fenn has not been available.

2. Captain Fenn would prefer not to make application to the Agency, but merely wished to inform General Donovan that he is about to be transferred. Captain Fenn expects to go to sea and is well pleased, but promised to let General Donovan know when any change in his status might occur.

B. W. A.

Attachment

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Mr. Antell

General Donovan would like to have you consider this man's qualifications for possible use by us.

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Fenn, Capt. [illegible]

D.M.

For [illegible]

June 27, 1945

To be shown to General Donovan on his return:

Captain Herbert K. Fenn, Office of Censorship, Chief Cable Censor, called me on the telephone today to say that you once offered him a job in case he wanted to leave his present one.

He says he is not being fired but his work has diminished to a point where he would be willing to leave if you had any need for him.

I promised to prepare a memorandum to be given you on your return.

He stated [illegible] you can get in touch with him [illegible] Office of Censorship.

G. Edward Buxton

Antell Telephoned 7/16 out - 2-Tom rented 7/23 sua

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Date 2 Feb 1944

To Colonel Buxton

The attached relates to conferences attended by Mr. Lusey in which he was consulted as to censorship leaks from this country - a subject outside the scope of OSS. It is apparent that Commander Vanderbilt has the problem clearly in mind and it also appears that Mr. Lusey made the position of OSS clear.

Accordingly, neither Mr. Putzell nor I think any answer to Commander Vanderbilt's memorandum is necessary.

RT
Robert Thrun

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Office of the Executive Officer

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO General William Donovan 31 January 1944

FROM Commander William H. Vanderbilt

SUBJECT

I enclose herewith copies of two reports received from A. N. Lusey in Los Angeles.

I have repeatedly cautioned both Mr. Easton and Mr. Lusey to be extremely careful that we do not exceed our authority under the Joint Chiefs directive as regards operations in the Western Hemisphere, but that, of course, we would cooperate with any other Government agency on their request.

It seems to me apparent that Mr. Lusey has made this quite clear to Captain Fenn, Chief Cable Censor.

This information is passed on to you so that you may know the situation from our side in the event that Mr. Price or Captain Fenn should discuss it with you.

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO Commander William H. Vanderbilt

FROM A. R. Lusey

18 January 1944

SUBJECT Captain Fenn

As instructed by telephone, this will report my meeting yesterday with Captain Fenn, Chief Cable Censor from Washington, and Lt. Commander Perkins, the local Cable Censor.

Captain Fenn wanted to talk to me particularly about the Chinese censorship in Chungking.

Commander Perkins told Captain Fenn that he had asked Mr. Easton to permit me to give him some technical assistance on radio communications in regard to potential censorship evasion on the Mexican border.

I took this opportunity to tell Captain Fenn that I wanted him to understand clearly that I had given Commander Perkins this assistance as an individual and unofficially; that it must be clearly understood that the Office of Strategic Services by its Directive from the Joint Chiefs of Staff had no authority to operate within the Western Hemisphere; and that, naturally, we intended to stay within our Directive. Captain Fenn's reply to this was that "We are all fighting a war and we should all help each other when possible". I assured Captain Fenn that we were most anxious to help the Cable Censor or anyone else in any way possible and that I had discussed this matter with you and you were quite agreeable for me to give Commander Perkins any assistance possible, as long as it was clearly understood that I was doing so at Commander Perkins' request and that we were not exceeding the terms of our Directive.

In discussing the possible censorship evasions at the Mexican border, Captain Fenn agreed with me that it was his understanding that no United States Agency was doing any intercept of electrical communications in that area, and he also agreed with me that someone should do it. He said he did not understand why I did not report this entire situation to General Donovan, who could go to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and secure a Directive for this particular job. To this I replied that our Directive was very definite and that as long as we were not allowed to work within the Western Hemisphere, I did not intend to make such a report or such a recommendation to the Office of Strategic Services; that my participation in a survey of these radio communication conditions was done solely at

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Commander Perkins' request and any report or recommendations I made to Commander Perkins would be for his information only.

Captain Fenn said that the Cable Censor appreciated the cooperation presently existing between Commander Perkins and Mr. Easton and that they would further appreciate my continued assistance to Commander Perkins in this project.

Captain Fenn said he intended to report this situation to Mr. Price when he returned to Washington, and he felt confident Mr. Price would see that something was done. I again stressed to Captain Fenn that the Office of Strategic Services was not engaged in any Western Hemisphere work and that when he did make his report and recommendation to Mr. Price that he would not in any way compromise the Office of Strategic Services or give Mr. Price the wrong impression. Let me assure you that I thoroughly understand our Directive restrictions and that I will not in any way at any time exceed this Directive.

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO Commander William H. Vanderbilt 19 January 1944

FROM A. R. Lusey

SUBJECT Report on luncheon given by Comdr. Perkins for Capt. Fenn.

This report will cover the luncheon given by Commander Perkins for Captain Fenn yesterday, which I attended.

Present at the meeting were Captain Fenn, Lt. Comdr. Perkins, Lt. Comdr. Gibbons and Lt. Spaeth from the Cable Censor's office, Mr. Saltonstall from the Postal Censor's office, Mr. Hood, local agent in charge of the FBI, Comdr. Hastings from ONI and two Majors from MIS.

After the luncheon, Captain Fenn discussed censorship generally, with a view towards increasing the Office of Censorship's services to the user agencies. Captain Fenn then started a general discussion of the dangerous situation on the Mexican border. This discussion developed into a firm proposal by Captain Fenn that the Office of Censorship, FBI, ONI and MIS work up an arrangement for a coordinating committee to be stationed somewhere on the border- probably at El Paso - under authority from and responsible to Washington.

This committee would coordinate all intelligence on the Mexican border and direct all investigative work. Captain Fenn agreed to make this proposal at Washington upon his return.

I did not participate in any way in this discussion. Captain Fenn, when the subject of illicit radio stations operating in Mexico carrying intelligence material to the enemy, was mentioned, expressed the very definite opinion that there were such stations operating and that while it was the duty of the FCC to search for such stations, he knew the FCC was doing a very poor job and gave it as his opinion that the State Department was preventing the FCC from doing an efficient monitoring job.

When Captin Fenn expressed the opinion that enemy stations were operating in Mexico, he said, "I believe Mr. Lusey will bear me out in this - at least, I believe he has the same opinion". Prior to this, I had had no part whatever in the discussion. My reply was that I would like all concerned to understand that I was simply substituting for Martin Easton at the luncheon, that I was on the Pacific Coast awaiting assignment, and that inasmuch as the Office

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of Strategic Services did not participate in Western Hemisphere intelligence operations, anything that I might say should be taken as an individual expression. I then said that I most certainly did agree with Captain Fenn insofar as my opinion was concerned. I went on to say that I personally know that the FCC had a very efficient intercept system and were capable of efficiently intercepting, monitoring and locating practically any station they could hear. This was the sole extent of my participation in the discussion at the luncheon.

Captain Fenn leaves Los Angeles today for San Francisco. He hopes to leave San Francisco on Friday night or Saturday morning for Honolulu. He said that he hoped to see you in San Francisco either on his way or his way back.

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15 January 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Charles Fenn, USNR.

Subject: Orders.

1. You are authorized and directed to proceed to New Delhi, India, where you will report to the Chief, OSS, S.A.C., for temporary duty of approximately three days.

2. Upon completion of your temporary duty, you are authorized and directed to proceed to Chungking, China, where you will report to the Chief, OSS, China. You are thereafter to act under the instructions of the Chief, OSS, China.

G. Edward Buxton.
Acting Director.

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From Cottrell Index of Persons

February 23, 1943 10,427

VICE ADMIRAL FENARD

Note: Reports of autumn 1941 and of March 11, 1942 give name as Jacques Fenard, while report of February 16, 1943 gives names as Raymond A. Fenard. It has thus far proved impossible to reconcile this discrepancy, but it would seem almost certain that one person is concerned.

Became Darlan's liaison agent at Weygand's headquarters, with title of 'secretary to General Weygand', in July 1941 / close collaborator of Darlan / his appointment regarded as one of several instances of Vichy attempts to weaken Weygand's position and strengthen collaboration in French North Africa.
Biographical sketch of Weygand compiled from published sources by R&A autumn 1941

At once time commander of the 'Dunkerque'; is now on Weygand's staff; is close to Darlan and was undoubtedly given his present post in order to protect the latter's interests.
State Department, cable #481, Algiers, October 3, 1941

Temporarily in charge of the Delegation Generale.
State Department, cable #595, Algiers, November 20, 1941

Succeeded Ives Chatel as Secretary General of the Delegation Generale.
State Department, cable #596, Algiers, November 20, 1941

His actions illustrate the present confusion in official minds; he first advised his colleagues not to be seen too frequently with a U.S. representative; then, on being told by a colleague that a departure of that representative would not be surprising, threw up his hands and declared that the French, if abandoned by the U.S., would be lost.
State Department, cable #598, Algiers, November 22, 1941

Secretary-General of French Africa / February 14, 1942 asked a U.S. representative to call on him before his departure for Vichy; emphasized that the U.S. should not take notice of small shipments to Libya through Tunisia, for fear of hastening Axis occupation of Tunisia; as close friend of Darlan, said that Darlan is convinced that Germany will lose and both he and Petain are doing everything to gain time until the Allies are ready to strike; said that the U.S., when the moment has arrived, can count on the support of France / source is certain of his sincerity and his pro-U.S. sympathies.
State Department, cable #97, Algiers, February 15, 1942

Though he does not like Laval at all, says that by raising such a fuss about Laval the Allies are doing just what the Nazis want / emphasizes that he knows from most reliable informants that the Axis will not get the warships in Toulon.
State Department, cable #265, Algiers, April 27, 1942

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Vice Admiral Fenard (cont.)

Just returned from Vichy / subsequent to talks with Darlan, Fenard is certain that the government of Laval is a momentary one only, that Darlan and Petain still hold the reins / told source that he hoped France would fight the Axis once again, but that this would be done only when it is possible for supplies to be provided; said that we should show a practical interest in North Africa by once again working according to the economic agreement; thinks we should look upon North Africa as a separate entity, and he is sure that if we show friendly and courageous policy the result will be worthwhile / his sympathies are with the U.S. as the only hope for his country and he would come over to our side if he had any reasonable opportunity to do so.

State Department, cable #294, Algiers, May 6, 1942

A[illegible] peared very much interested in the Martinique negotiations / again st[illegible] essed the need for U.S. economic cooperation with North Africa; sai[illegible] North Africa wants to cooperate with U.S., but U.S. seems unwilling; [illegible] said that the Nazis may soon start sending in synthetic motor fuel, [illegible] and are already shipping in armaments to strengthen this area against the U.S.

State Department, cable #320, Algeria, May 15, 1942

Present S[illegible] cretary of the French Delegation in North Africa; is in no way a p[illegible] pular figure or spiritual head.

Dashiell July 28, 1942

Confident of [illegible] arlan at Algiers / speaks perfect English and has hoped for cont[illegible] st with the U.S. / his wife, brought up in England, is there with [illegible] family now.

Biographica[illegible] notes by Sommerine, March 11, 1942

[illegible] Secre[illegible] -General for the whole North African Administration / formerly commanded [illegible] be 'Dunkerque'; prior to his present appointment was Senior Naval Of[illegible] ce, Algeria / a close friend of Darlan / gives the impression of be[illegible] entirely non-committal but probably shares the views of his extr[illegible] ly pro-British wife who lived 18 years in England.

NID UC Report No. [illegible] August 16, 1942

Secretary-General for Fren[illegible] North Africa, with rather vague powers regarding economic and fina[illegible] al matters; has no military power / friendly to U.S., and so indi[illegible] vest as to have indicated recently that he would cooperate with [illegible] [illegible]ease of invasion?] / an able man; could be very useful; has [illegible] closely with Murphy at Algiers.

State Department, Washington November 9, 1942 (oral)

Former permanent Secretary-Ge[illegible] as been appointed head of the new secretariat in French North Af[illegible] by the High Commissioner Admiral Darlan / Fenard's duty, in a[illegible] ment with the Governor General and Resident General of French Africa [illegible] ll be to study and prepare

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Vice Admiral Fenard

and submit to the High Commissioner economic measures of a general character concerning production, distribution, consumption and transport of labor, finance and foreign trade to be carried out as an economic liaison between the High Commissioner and foreign countries.

The New York Times November 23, 1942

With Admiral Battet, recently arrived in Alexandria from French North Africa by air to help Admiral Barthe in his conversations with Admiral Godefroy.

State Department, Cable #9572, Cairo, December 17, 1942

Chief of French Naval Mission in U.S. under Darlan / in interview in New York February 15, 1943, made known the arrival of the 'Richelieu' and other French warships in American waters ('Richelieu' arrived February 11, 1943) / was in Algiers at time of Allied invasion, having been sent there under Weygand as Secretary General in charge of economic affairs for the French area; in reply to questions he spoke guardedly about French resistance to the Allies, saying there would have been less resistance if the French had realized the magnitude of the Allied effort and had not been taken by surprise, though he added that the surprise element was necessary from the standpoint of the Allies, who had carried out the campaign 'perfectly'; said, 'Everybody did his best to help you, because they wanted you to come very soon. For me it was a great joy'; stated that he believed there would be no French resistance to an Allied invasion of metropolitan France, explaining that the French in North Africa had been imbued with a desire to do nothing which would give the Germans an excuse to come in; said he had no inside information about Toulon fleet, but felt certain all ships unable to escape had been put out of commission, and that there never was any intention to let the Germans take a single French ship / said he had recently been in Alexandria and had found morale high among the French naval units there / a stocky, dynamic man with blue eyes and an easy manner, laughing often during interview.

New York Times, February 16, 1943

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The following three sheets represent a memorandum prepared by a member of the staff of the New York Office, OSS, February 2, 1943.

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Vice-Admiral Fenard has just arrived from Algiers to head the Naval end of the French Military Mission here. Besides taking care of Naval Matters, which means the repairing of boats coming from Dakar, etc., he considers it most essential that he should do all he can to create good will and a united front as far as the French are concerned. He is accompanied by his very pro-English wife and a 22-year-old daughter. He brought a letter of introduction from Harry Woodruff, vice-consul in Algiers, who worked closely with him recently and recommends him most highly both personally and as a Naval man. Mr. Woodruff asks that he be assisted as much as possible by understanding Americans in forwarding his work here.

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The subject, just before the French Armistice, was in charge of the signal and mapping service of the French Navy at Toulon. Fully believing the fighting would go on from North Africa this service was moved to Algiers with the subject in charge. Ever since the Armistice the subject's headquarters have been in Algiers. He was a friend of Admiral Darlan and when Adm.ral Darlan was in command at Vichy he was twice offered positions in the government by Darlan. Before consulting, accepting these positions the subject placed his own terms with Darlan. He said, "Do you intend to work against the English and do you approve of setting up a fascist regime?" Admiral Darlan answered these questions affirmatively and the subject said, "That being the case, I go back to Algiers."

The subject was thoroughly familiar with all the ins and outs of the Darlan assassination and if interviewed, can tell that story in detail. He confirmed the impression that Darlan came over 100 percent to the Allies when he did. The telegram to order the fleet to sail from Toulon was sent from the subject's house. It had been drafted approximately this: Proceed to Algiers--if impossible, Dakar. This telegram went to Admiral Auphan in Vichy. Auphan apparently passed it on textually to Admiral De la Borde who only carried out the Darlan orders to the instructions. Darlan in Algiers felt fairly certain that this would probably happen and was particularly upset as the Adm.ral in command at Toulon was slated to be replaced within ten days by someone infinitely more pro-Allied.

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Fenard, Vice Admiral 10,424
Africa, N.
Barbary
Bukhaud Lebraique

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel Donovan

DATE: Feb. 10, 1943

FROM: Hugh R. Wilson

SUBJECT:

In anticipation of the visit of Vice Admiral Fenard, I follow Fred Mayer's good suggestion and send the attached papers to you for your information. Will you please return them as they are part of the SI files?

HRW

Hugh R. Wilson

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Vice-Admiral Fenard has just arrived from Algiers to head the Naval end of the French Military Mission here. Besides taking care of Naval Matters, which means the repairing of boats coming from Dakar, etc., he considers it most essential that he should do all he can to create good will and a united front as far as the French are concerned. He is accompanied by his very pro-English wife and a 22-year old daughter. He brought a letter of introduction from Harry Woodruff, vice-consul in Algiers, who worked closely with him recently and recommends him most highly both personally and as a Naval man. Mr. Woodruff asks that he be assisted as much as possible by understanding Americans in forwarding his work here.

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#8791. TO GAMBLE FROM DORNS 1ST. RELAY OF #99.
INFORMATION: WASHINGTON.

GENERAL ANDRUS APPROVES TRANSFER CAPT FINCKE FROM 1ST DIV. TO OSS. WILL CONTINUE POLICY AGREED BY GEN. HUEBNER IN REFERENCE TO PERSONNEL.

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#8451. TO CASEY AND FORGAN FROM 154 AND LEO.

INFORMATION: BLACK.

CAPTAIN JOHN FINNE, ALL GERMAN QUALIFICATIONS AND NOTABLE COMBAT AND INTELLIGENCE RECORD, TRANSFERRED TO OSS OUR URGENT REQUEST VIA HIGHEST MILITARY ECHELONS. AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY AND DESPITE TIGHTNESS FEEL EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE OBTAIN APR, AT LEAST FOR MARCH. IF UNSUCCESSFUL ADVISE SOONEST SO WE MAY TRANSMIT FASTEST SURFACE.

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TOD: 1018 20 FEB 45

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#EX-99283. Signed Eisenhower for Marshall. Information 1st U.S. Army. Referring to WAR 36816 (OUT-3694).

Captain John G.W. Finke, 0303636, Inf. is available for reassignment. Kindly advise EDCMR.

ACTION: GENERAL HENRY.
INFORMATION: OPD, GENERAL DONOVAN (OSS)
CM-IN-17038 (17 Feb 1945)

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#E-99118. Signed Eisenhower.

John G.W. Finke 0383636, Capt., Inf., Company G, 16th Inf., reurad WAR 36816 (OUT-3694) February 13[illegible]. This cable received here February 161001A. Field being contacted by telephone. You will have answer very soon.

ACTION: GENERAL HENRY
INFORMATION: OPD GENERAL DONOVAN
CM-IN-16412 (16 Feb 45)

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WAR 36816. Signed Marshall. TOP SECRET

Captain John G.W.Finke, Infantry, O-383636, Company G, 16th Inf., 1st Div., 1st Army, is currently in Zone of Interior on TD. This TD expires on the 14th of this month. Captain Finke, because of his established experience and special qualifications, is urgently requested for release at once for duty with highly secret mission of dangerous nature. Request answer to foregoing before the 16th of this month because of the urgency of the situation. Availability of this officer will determine success of this mission.

Originator: General Henry.

Information: OPD; General Donovan.

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[illegible]. TO FORGAN, GAMBLE AND DOWNS FROM 109 AND 154.

ACTION: PARIS. INFORMATION: LONDON.

CAPTAIN FINCKE IN WASHINGTON ON ROTARY LEAVE FROM FIRST DIVISION. HIS RECRUITMENT WOULD BE OF OUTSTANDING VALUE TO OUR GERMAN SPEAKING PERSONNEL. DESPITE EARLIER REFUSALS FINCKE STATES "FIRST DIVISION COMMANDING GENERAL AND ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED TO HIS RELEASE THIS TIME AS HIS COMBAT COMMAND HAS TAKEN OVER. SUGGESTS PERSONAL REPRESENTATION BE MADE TO THEM AND URGENT NEED OF HIS ASSIGNMENT TO OSS BE POINTED OUT." ACTION FOR REASSIGNMENT MUST ORIGINATE WITH DIVISION AS FINCKE AT PRESENT ONLY ON TEMPORARY DUTY. DO THE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET THIS MAN, HE IS TOPS. ADVISE SOONEST.

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#3064. To Forgan, Gamble and Downs and 109. SECRET

Regarding Captain [redacted] 1st Division, if you have not already requested his transfer do not do so since matter being handled directly by War Department here.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mrs. H. Haight

DATE: 10 February [illegible]

FROM : Capt. Max E. Gevers, French Desk, SI

SUBJECT: Capt. John G. W. Finke

Capt. John Finke was the bearer of the letter of introduction to General Donovan written by Lt. Col. Kenneth Downs in ETO. Capt. Finke is an outstanding soldier with an excellent battle record in various campaigns. In addition to his soldierly qualities he speaks fluent German and would be an invaluable addition to our staff. He is at present on rotation leave in Washington, and in the meantime Col. Downs and several other officers in ETO are making personal representations to his former Commanding General to get him transferred to the OSS.

Should General Donovan be in a position to contribute anything further to bring about his transfer, I shall be glad to receive your instructions or bring Capt. Finke to his office for a personal interview.

M. E. G.

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Fitts, Capt John A.

Paris
17 Dec 44

Dear General:

This is to introduce Capt John Fitts, who has made one of the outstanding records as a company commander in the 16th Inf. He speaks fluent German and knows Germany well. Think he'd be a very good man for us if we can pry him loose.

Excuse haste of this note please; am scratching it out just before John's plane-time.

Congratulations on your well-deserved promotion, which Col Bruce has just told me about. Sincerely,
Ken Dawes

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MEMORANDUM TO 2nd Lt. James E. Flint

SUBJECT: Orders

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Chief, Office of Strategic Services, for that Theatre of Operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Chief, Office of Strategic Services for such Theatre.

William J. Donovan
Director, OSS

APPROVED:

William P. Lewis, III
1A. Colonel, FA
Chief, SO

APPROVED:

J. L. [illegible]
Deputy Director, OSS

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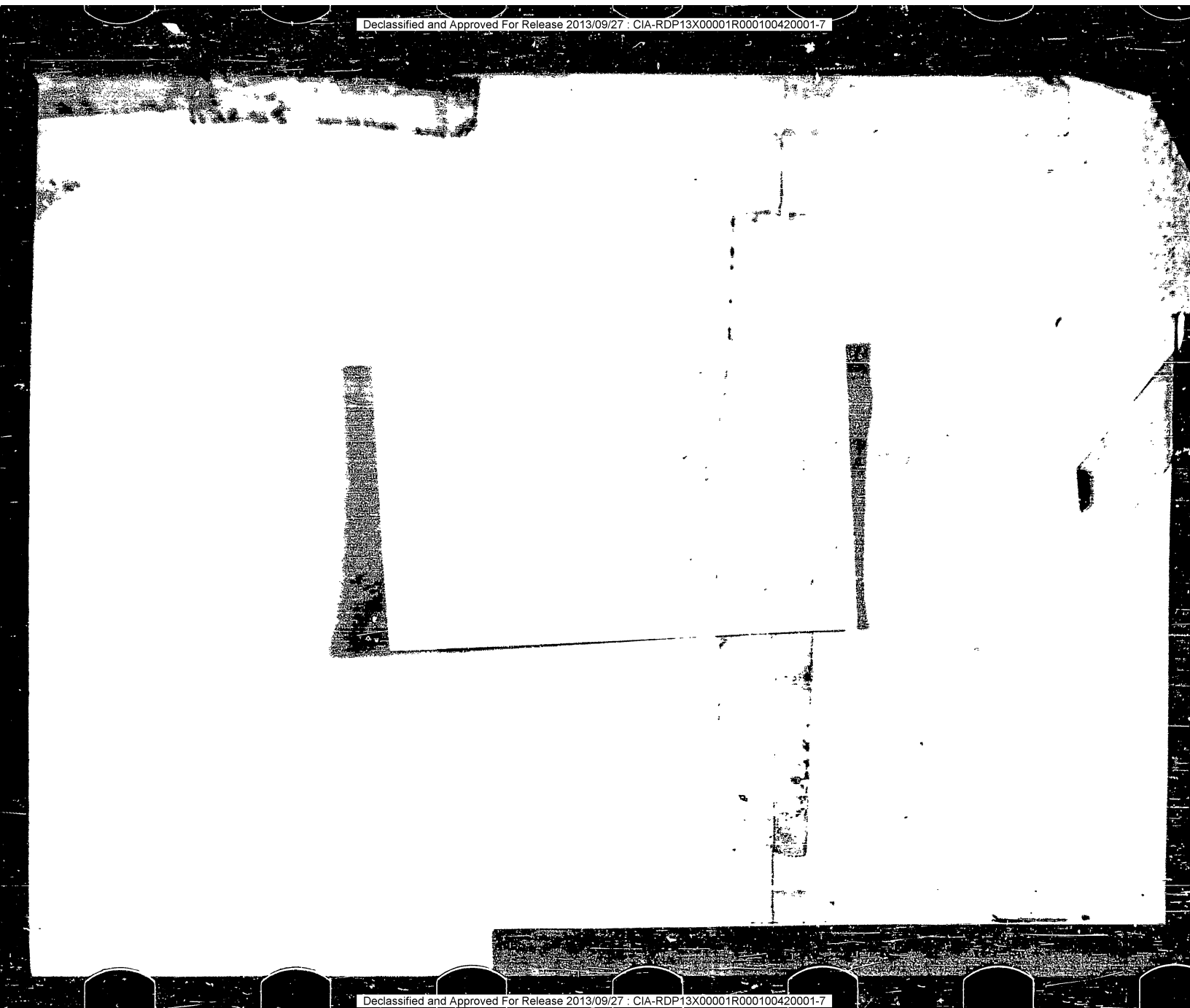

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Lt. E. J. Putzell, Jr. DATE May 9, 1944

FROM : Horace W. Peters

SUBJECT: Ira Fielsteel (Fieldsteel)
Ruth Fielsteel

The F. B. I. informed me yesterday that their Mexico City office has been unable to identify Ira Fielsteel (Fieldsteel) and his wife, Ruth Fielsteel, as requested by Col. Hunton in his letter to Mr. Hoover, dated February 16, 1944.

They would like to have further details so that they may check here as well as in Mexico City.

The F. B. I. is particularly interested in knowing whether or not Fielsteel and his wife have ever been employed by OSS.

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Fieldsteel Jan. 13,496
X F.B.I.

18 February 1944

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I refer to your letter to General Donovan of 4 February 1944, relating to Ira Fielsteel (or Fieldsteel) and his wife. In my reply of 10 February, I informed you that we would investigate the statements made concerning these individuals.

We now find that our investigation will be aided if your organization could seek to confirm, through the usual sources available to you at Mexico City, the facts reported in your letter regarding the persons with whom the subjects are alleged to have fraternized in Mexico City.

In that connection, we have reason to believe that Fieldsteel spent the periods May 1940 to June 1940 and December 1941 to January 1942 at Mexico City, on vacation, and that he visited Acapulco during the latter trip.

Very sincerely yours,

G. Edward Buxton,
Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel Buxton. DATE: 16 February 1944.

FROM: Secretariat.

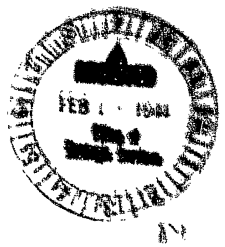
SUBJECT: Ira Fielsteel (or Fieldsteel)

Mr. Howland has suggested that a letter along the lines of the attached be sent to Mr. Hoover. You will recall that Fieldsteel is T-5 assigned for duty in the Message Center; and an anonymous letter to the FBI, which was forwarded to us by Mr. Hoover, accused Fieldsteel of Communistic tendencies. This accusation is now being investigated by Mr. Howland.

As Mr. Howland had originally drawn the letter, it contained a statement that Fieldsteel was an employee of OSS. It seemed to the Secretariat to be desirable not to make such an express statement and accordingly the letter was altered in this respect.

The information concerning Fieldsteel's trips to Mexico comes from his personal history statement.

C. A. Bane
Lieut. (J.g.) USNR



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To: Col Buxton

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Letter from FBI given to Mr. Howland

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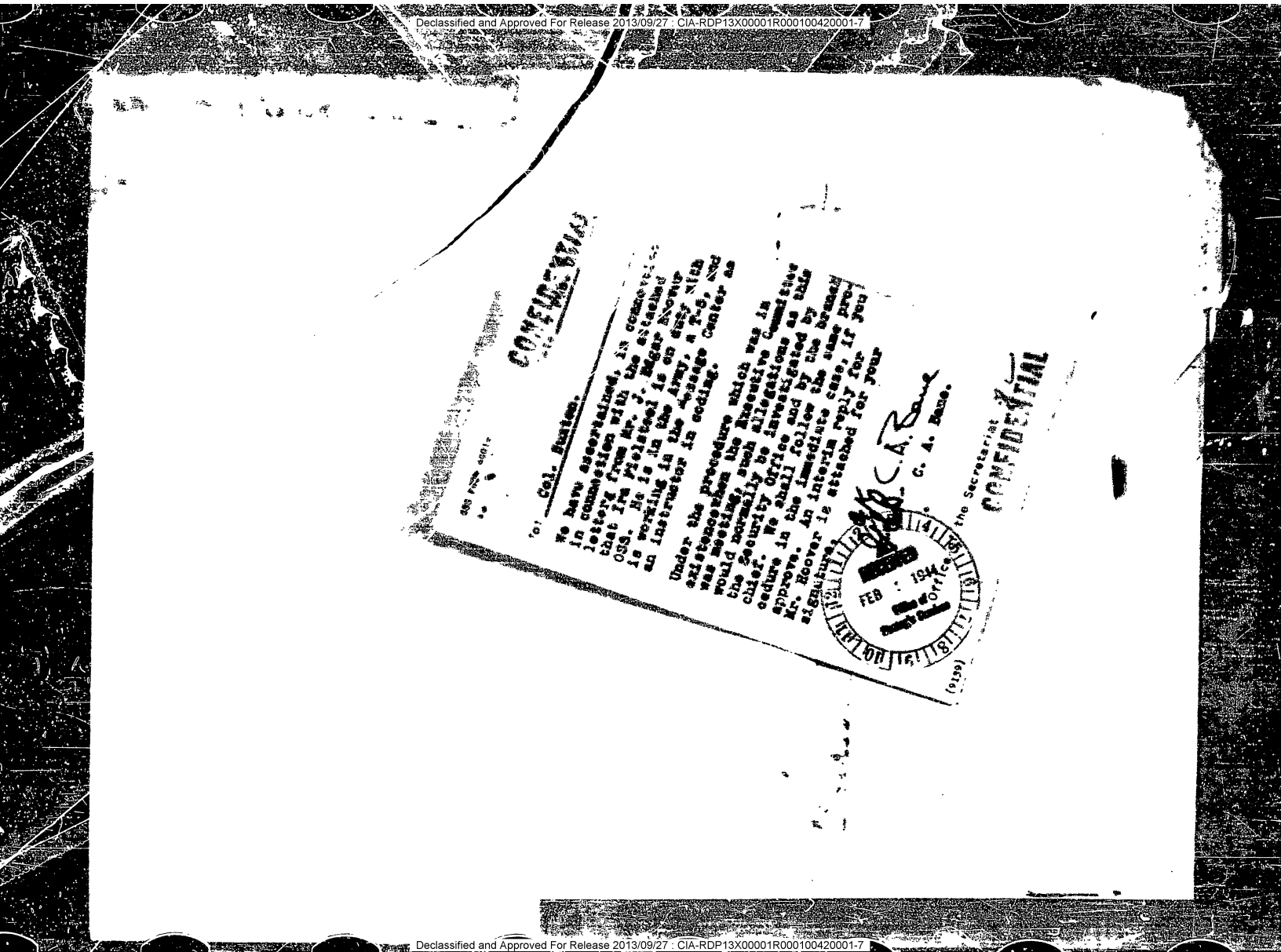

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To: Col. Buxton.

We have ascertained, in connection in connection with the attached letter from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover that Ira Fielsteel is on duty with OSS. He is in the Army, a T-5, and is working in the Message Center as an instructor in coding.

Under the procedure which was in existence when the Executive Committee was meeting, such allegations as this would normally be investigated by the Security Office and by the branch chief. We shall follow the same procedure in the immediate case, if you approve. An interim reply for Mr. Hoover is attached for your signature.

C. A. Bane

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10 February 1944

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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Thank you for having called the matter to our attention.

Very sincerely yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 4, 1944

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director of Strategic Services
25th and E Streets, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill,

As of possible interest to you, there is set out below the content of an anonymous communication recently received at this Bureau in an envelope postmarked January 22, 1944, at Washington, D. C.

"A man named Ira Fielsteel, or Fieldsteel and his wife Ruth are both employed by the government. The man has a confidential job with the Office of Strategic Services, the wife is with Morale Division of War Department. Both of these people have made at least two trips to Mexico where they fraternized with Communistic factions extensively. They are of known and outspoken Communist belief.

"Both of these persons are believed by those who know them to be dangerous and untrustworthy to hold positions of any kind in the government, but particularly in OSS."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

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5 JAN 1944
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OFFICE OF
STRATEGIC SERVICES

TO: Files

FROM: Lieut. Bane

SUBJECT:

DATE: 4 January 1944

Mr. Fiala, the subject of the attached memorandum, called the Director's office today and was switched by Miss Smith to me. The telephone conversation was most unsatisfactory and began by Mr. Fiala telling me that he had received no answer to his letter from General Donovan, and that unless he did receive one, he was going to reveal to the world the type of activity in which OSS was engaged (which is being discussed on every street corner anyway, according to Mr. Fiala) and that in any case, he was going to acquaint his friend, Senator Lucas, with all the facts. He then said, without giving me an opportunity to do any talking at all, that the reason for his dismissal from OSS was the direct result of his being a Czech.

I, in the meantime, had ascertained from the papers that the Secretariat had proposed to General Donovan that a reply be made to Mr. Fiala in which we said that under all the circumstances, his services could not be used. General Donovan has scribbled on my memorandum a note to the effect that he did not think that we should send such a letter because it would probably have the effect of merely precipitating further correspondence from Fiala. Accordingly, I tried to explain to Mr. Fiala that under all the circumstances, we could not use his services and that it was best to let the matter drop. He wanted to know the circumstances that had led to his dismissal and I finally told him that, although we do not know the rights or wrongs of the matter, the fact that he had been arrested by the District police meant that we could no longer use him. He then exploded and said that the arrest was the result of his wife. This was not further explained because Mr. Fiala then entered into a torrent of somewhat personal abuse and asked for

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an appointment with me. I told him that I did not see that there was any point in this, whereupon he said nothing and hung up.

While I was in the middle of dictating this memorandum of the telephone conversation, Mr. Fiala called again and although the point of the latter phone call was not clear, he threatened to storm into the Strategic Office Building tonight and wanted to know where he could see me. I told him that I would not be here tonight and that I did not think it would be advisable for him to try to enter the premises.

This was then followed by another explosion of abuse, directed primarily against "little lieutenants", and since there seemed to be no point in further conversation, I hung up. This probably enraged Mr. Fiala.

Mr. Fiala also somewhat incoherently said something about Mr. Masaryk presenting his case; told Fiala that if Mr. Masaryk would write a letter to us, it would be given due consideration. I also refused to give him my first name.

I acquainted Mr. Howland with all of this.

C. A. Bane
Lieut (jg) USNR

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Fiala, Anthony

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: General Donovan

DATE: 15 October 1945

FROM: The Secretariat

SUBJECT: Mr. Anthony Fiala

1. In connection with the attached letter addressed to Colonel Mr. Anthony Fiala, you may be interested in the following background on the matters raised in the letter:

2. Mr. Fiala, who is a Czech national, was retained by OSS in July, 1943, as an SI agent designated for overseas duty. He was given training and was subjected to a security check which in both cases proved to be satisfactory.

3. On January 26, 1944, however, Mr. Fiala was arrested by the District of Columbia police under circumstances which are not altogether clear. According to the police, Mr. Fiala was riding through the streets of Washington in a taxi, in an extremely drunken condition, and was asking little boys in the neighborhood to enter the taxi with him in order to get some ice cream. Before he has proceeded very far, the police arrested him. At the station, he refused to divulge his full name on the ground that he was doing secret work for a United States Government agency and that revealing his name would be improper. He did, however, suggest that Mr. Howland of OSS be called as authority for his contention that he was so engaged in confidential work.

4. Mr. Howland was called and immediately went to the station. Upon his arrival there, Mr. Howland was told by the police that Mr. Fiala would be released upon Mr. Howland's statement that he was employed by OSS in work

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of a confidential nature. Mr. Fiala was released, but not before the police had informed Mr. Howland that Mr. Fiala's conduct at the police station had been disgracefully he had been abusive and thoroughly un-cooperative.

4. Upon his return to OSS, Mr. Howland interviewed the men with whom Mr. Fiala had been working, particularly Messrs. Koop and O'Keefe. It developed that Mr. Fiala had been drinking heavily over a period of time and it was thereupon decided that an interview with him would be held. This interview took place several days later, at which time Mr. Fiala evidently made a very bad impression in explaining the incident. His account of what had happened was somewhat incoherent and did not agree with what the police had told Mr. Howland and what Mr. Fiala had previously told the police at the time of his arrest. The impression was so unfavorable that all present agreed that Mr. Fiala's services should be terminated.

5. Mr. Fiala was told on February 4, 1943, by Mr. O'Keefe that his services would no longer be required. The interview evidently ended with no hard feelings and with Mr. Fiala's promise that he would not break security.

6. The only further development in the matter arose from an inquiry from the Federal Works Agency concerning the character of Mr. Fiala, who had evidently applied for a position with FWA. The reply made by OSS, dated June 7, 1943, was noncommittal, but did mention the arrest and that under the circumstances it had been necessary to terminate Mr. Fiala's connection with OSS.

The references in Mr. Fiala's letter to the spreading of gossip by one of our employees and to the fact that his wife was the cause of the unfortunate happening cannot be explained from anything contained in OSS records. On

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the whole, the case seems to be simply one in which a man proved himself, by his personal conduct, to be unfit for the duties which he had undertaken.

A draft of a proposed reply is attached for your consideration.

Charles R. Smith
Lieut. (jg), USNR

Attachment

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C.

10 October 1945

Mr. Anthony Fiala
4103 Stanford Street
Chevy Chase, Md.

My dear Mr. Fiala:

I have your letter of October 7, 1945, in which you have asked me to review the circumstances of the termination of your connection with this office.

I have made such a review and regret that I must inform you that it does not seem possible to modify the decision which has been reached.

I hope you will be able to find a position in civilian life in which you may use your abilities to the utmost.

Very truly yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

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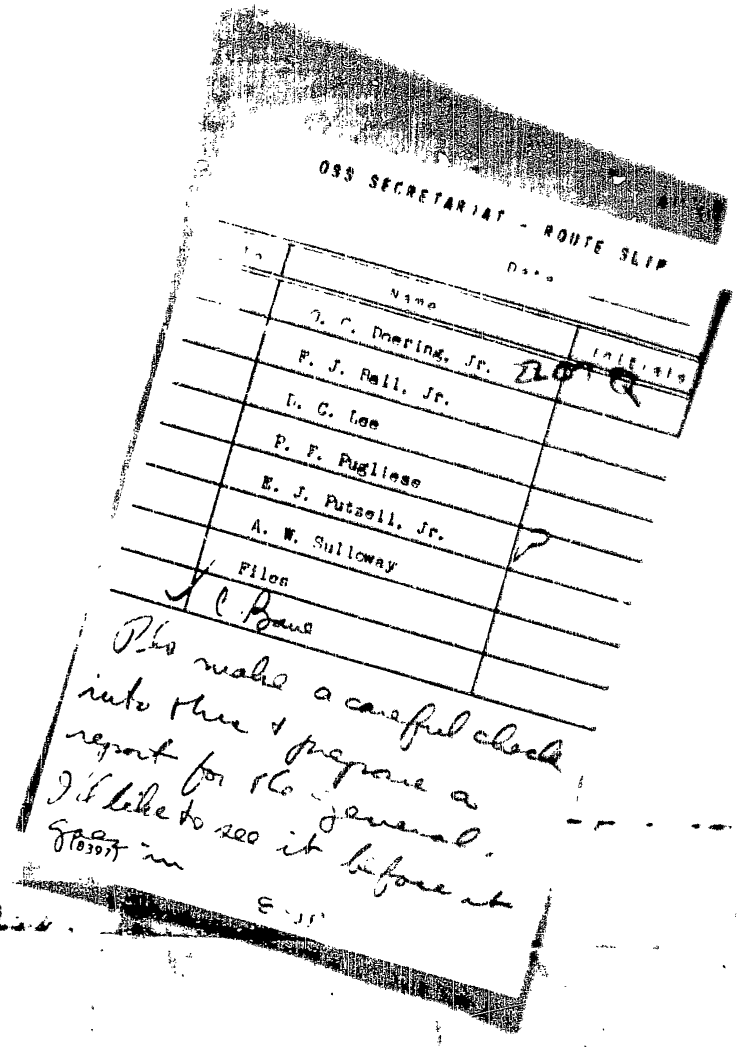

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	E. J. Putzell, Jr.	
	A. W. Sulloway	
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	J. C. Bane	

Pls make a careful check into this & prepare a report for the general. I'd like to see it before it goes in

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E. J.

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To: _____

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Fiala, Anthony 12,721

Re. Anton - 08

October 7, 1963

General Wm. J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D.C.

General,

Having impercite fait in your fairness and impartiality I am asking you, General, for fair hearing regarding my case.

My wife innocently the cause of the unfortunate happening explained personally to Mr O'Keefe in your office in Que building what happened. I hoped that my case will be reviewed and I reinstated.

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I am certain that your decision General, will be impartial and fair and I beg you in making it, to take in consideration my military experience, my qualifications, knowledge of languages, my enthusiam and also perfect knowledge of the terrain and people where in the near future the Strategic operations will take place.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Anthony Fiala

4403 Stanford Street
Chevy Chase, Md.
Phone: Oliver -7281

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Fisher, Pvt Paul 14329
Donovan, Father

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Colonel Buxton

DATE: 26 April 1944

FROM: Robert Thrun

SUBJECT: Private Paul Fisher

1. I have talked with Major Allen of Schools and Training about Father Donovan's letter concerning Private Fisher. Major Allen immediately contacted Captain Donald Callahan, Private Fisher's Commanding Officer, who is, according to Major Allen, the best station complement officer in Schools and Training.

2. Captain Callahan reports: Private Fisher came to OSS with a group of 23 enlisted men to be used as clerks. He was assigned to the Reproduction Division together with four others. Four of these men were kept in the Reproduction Division. Private Fisher was sent back. Captain Callahan says Private Fisher's efficiency is only fair, that he is juvenile, immature and not overly ambitious. Captain Callahan would be delighted if he could be used elsewhere.

3. I called the Reproduction Division and ascertained that Private Fisher had been employed there as a typist. He was released when Schools and Training asked that either slots or men belonging to it be returned. Sgt. Holland says he does not remember Fisher too well, but that he thinks he did fairly good work.

4. If, on this record, you wish me to have Personnel Procurement try to find another place for Private Fisher, or transfer him out of the organization, I shall be glad to proceed. ← OK. GEB.

Done. Called Major Smith RT

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Leader Private 14,229
(Donovan, Father Vincent)

22 April 1944

Reverend Vincent C. Donovan, O.P.,
Spiritual Director,
The Saint Paul Guild,
117 East 57th Street,
New York 22, N. Y.

My dear Father Donovan:

I have your letter of April 15th, relating to Private Fisher. I have requested that his case be looked into to see what can be done.

Sincerely,

G. Edward Buxton,
Acting Director.

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Colonel:

I checked with Headquarters Detachment and find that Private Paul Fisher is attached to Schools and Training, Station Complement, Detachment A performing housekeeping tasks. He came with us Nov.11,1943.

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THE SAINT PAUL GUILD
117 EAST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK 22 N Y

REV VINCENT C DONOVAN, O P
Spiritual Director
Telephone PLaza 3 8760

April 15, 1944

Dear Colonel Buxton:

Two weeks ago in Washington I saw my brother briefly. But it was not until a week later, as he was leaving, that I saw a young friend of mine who is in the O. S. S. but who fields his abilities and training are being wasted. All he is doing is typing.

Here are the details: Paul Fisher of Indianapolis; Ph B in Foreign Commerce from Notre Dame in April 1943; May '43 in service at Fort Harrison, Indianapolis; two months basic training at Camp Lee, Va; eight weeks of Administration School at Huntsville, Texas; two weeks at Camp Reynolds, Pa where, among twenty or so others, he was swept off to O. S. S., camped somewhere near Quantico. His address is P.O. Box 1.200

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Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va. He is twenty three years old. If you can find an opening where he can utilize his energy to the best advantage, I'd be grateful.

I am in Buffalo at the moment. But I'll be back in New York tomorrow.

With best personal wishes,

I am sincerely yours.

Fr. Vincent C. Donovan, O.P.

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In reply address not the signer of this letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No. Pers 3211-ECH
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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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From: BuPers.
To: Director of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Subj: Lieutenant Lathrop Bullene FLINTOM, D-V(S), U.S.N.R. - Recommendation for promotion of.

Refs: (a) Your ltr. dated 1 March, 1944.
(b) BuPers Cir. Ltr. 95-44.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of reference (a) which has been submitted to the Board established to consider all such recommendations as set forth in paragraph 12 of reference (b).

2. Since Lieutenant Flintom did not receive the unanimous recommendation of the Board for promotion to Lieutenant Commander, no further action can be taken upon your request at this time.

3. In view of the above, reference (a) has been made a part of the subject officer's record where it will be available for review when he becomes regularly eligible for temporary promotion.

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Special [illegible] Personnel

CC:
Capt. Ward P. Davis, USN,
NavComd, Office of Strategic Services.

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Flinton, Lothrop B 13,949

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1 March 1944.

From: The Director of Strategic Services.

To : The Chief of Naval Personnel.

Subj: Lieutenant Lathrop B. Flinton, D-V(S), USNR,
Spot promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

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3. Due to subject officer's extensive military training, he has been a most valuable addition to this office. He is older and far more experienced than many of the senior officers with whom he is in constant contact. For the above reasons, plus the fact that it is deemed necessary for the best accomplishment of his duties, it is requested that he be given a spot promotion to the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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5 January 1945

TO: Colonel G. Edward Buxton

FROM: Louis M. Ream

Under date of 20 December Mr. James Murphy sent a memorandum to General Donovan reading as follows:

> "In connection with the severance of Mr. John Stacy from X-2 Branch, he tells me that he was appointed as Budget Officer for OSS by you which appointment has not been revoked. He requested that I suggest to you his desire to resume his former duties as Budget Officer. I presume you would want to discuss it with Mr. Cheston and Mr. Ream".

The writer released Mr. Stacy to go to the X-2 Branch as Executive Officer and it was Mr. Murphy's desire that Mr. Stacy be severed from the X-2 Branch. This severance action was not as a result of the desire of Mr. Stacy to resume his duties as Budget Officer but was the desire of Mr. Murphy to have Mr. Stacy severed from his Branch. Mr. Stacy has been given the function of preparing the 1945-1946 budget to present to the Bureau of the Budget and upon completion of that work will be taken care of elsewhere in the agency.

L. M. Ream

Louis M. Ream
Deputy Director
Administrative Services

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TO : General Donovan

DATE: 24 February 1946

FROM : John E. O'Gara

SUBJECT: Reference the attached

Question of Rotation Policy

1. As to Fleischman himself, Major Murray recommends against his placement in China. This man has a mild anxiety neurosis. Besides that, Fleischman himself does not want to go to China and has accepted a return to NATO who has asked for him back.

2. Fleischman writes entirely reasonable letter, and the whole matter of rotation, as well as providing for sufficient time in this country between theater transfers, was gone into at great length in two sessions of the Personnel Board. We have come out of these sessions with the following plan:

a. To secure from our branches a list of jobs which demand sufficiently little training so that we can accept turnover on them, and then deliberately plan to fill these jobs with returnees who are going to the Far East and need some rehabilitating time in this country. PPB is in process of securing this list now.

b. The normal processes of transportation (TCA, etc.) will result in sufficient delay anyway to practically serve the basic purpose. However, obviously we do not want men hanging around doing nothing after the expiration of their leaves, and so get back to the desirability of having jobs available which they can do.

3. PPB has this whole matter in hand as a job to be thoroughly prosecuted.

J.E.O'G.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. O'Gara

DATE: 15 February 1945

FROM : The Director

SUBJECT : Rotation policy.

I wish you would take a look at this. It suggests to me that our rotation policy should be examined. It is in our interest to give enlisted men (as well as officers) who have made fine records in the field a chance to rehabilitate themselves before they are restipped overseas. A real effort should be made to place them in temporary jobs, replacing men who are qualified for overseas duty.

Fleischman would be useful in China. It is more important that we send him there than return him to MTO, since the job in China will be a hard, uphill battle. In order to prepare for what may be a long ordeal he should have some time here.

I do not want Fleischman to be given special treatment, although his complaint should not be held against him. I do want you to examine the treatment accorded men who have been in the theater for long periods, who have proven their ability and who are fitted for temporary work here.

William J. Donovan
Director

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

13 February 1945

201 Fleischman, Jack (Enl)

SUBJECT: Reassignment of Overseas Returnee

TO : General William J. Donovan

1. With respect to the attached request by S/Sgt Jack Fleischman that he be given a U.S. assignment, both Personnel Procurement Branch (Captain Britten) and Services (Major Marshall) have stated that no U.S. assignment for Sgt. Fleischman exists. Only the following assignments are available: return to NATO for work with the Operational Supply Officer who recently cabled for Sgt. Fleischman; a FETO assignment; or transfer back to the Army. Yesterday afternoon, Major Marshall informed the Secretariat that Sgt. Fleischman had accepted the NATO assignment.

2. Discussions with PPB and Services and examination of Sgt. Fleischman's Army and Theater Service Records, 201 and PPB files, as well as his Soldier's Qualification Card, disclose that he had been overseas for 28 months, that he has a good military record and that he did an exceptionally fine job as OSS Cargo and Supply Representative at Oran. He has now been in this country for approximately 7 weeks and was recently married.

3. Dr. J. Colket Caner, MD, who interviewed Sgt. Fleischman on 25 January 1945 at Area "F" stated that the latter was poorly motivated for an immediate overseas assignment. He recommended continued service with OSS but indicated that Sgt. Fleischman was not suitable for a Far East assignment. However, Sgt. Fleischman's Theater Service Record contains superior ratings for motivation, practical intelligence, stability, ability to work with others and leadership.

PETER F. PUGLIESE
1st Lieut., AUS
Secretariat

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P.O. Box 2601-Washington D.C.
5 February 1945

SUBJECT: Present Status of Undersigned Overseas Returnee.

TO: Director of Office of Strategic Services, Washington D.C.

1. Sir; knowing that I am stepping out of "bounds" by sending you this letter, I feel that I have good cause to "gripe" and I sincerely hope that the few moments it will take you to read this letter will not interrupt the already overcrowded daily schedule that must always be yours.

2. Having been told of your fairness, I believe that you will agree that I have every reason to "gripe" about my present status. I recently returned from Overseas duty after 28 months abroad. For the past year I'd been on duty with the OSS Regiment in the Mediterranean Theater. My services were requested by the OSS Supply Officer and the Operational Supply Officer while I was Chief Clerk in an Engineer Depot in North Africa. I reported to the Services Officer last February and in an emergency was sent to the Department of Oran as the OSS Cargo and Supply Representative in that section. That assignment was originally intended for an Officer and an NCO. It entailed the receipt and dispatch of all General and Operational Supplies received at the Port of Oran assigned to the OSS. In addition I had to act as liaison between our organization and the Army, so that materials that were stocked in Army Depots could be released from Theater Stocks as called for by the OSS. After 8 months of faithfully carrying out my assigned duties, I was highly recommended for a direct appointment to 2nd Lt. AUS by the Operational Supply Officer and the Services Officer of the Regiment. The Operational Supply Officer informed me that largely through my efforts, many specific operations were successfully supplied. The request for direct appointment was approved by Col. Glavin and sent to Headquarters NATOUSA for final action. Prior to this I had been informed that upon termination of my mission, and considering my length of service abroad, I would be returned to the States for reassignment. After being told by the Adjutant that this furlough would be greatly impaired by such an appointment, I asked that the action be stopped. A week later I requested return to OSS Washington D.C. for reassignment and received same.

3. Upon my return to Washington, I was given a 21 day furlough. Returning from furlough I was shown a Cable from the Operational Supply Officer in Italy, requesting my return to that Theater for duty in his section. I felt that I wasn't quite ready for another Overseas assignment at that time. I am now told that there is no place in the OSS for me at the present time other than an immediate assignment in the Far East. Having had 6 weeks back here in the States after 120 weeks overseas I don't feel that I'm quite ready for duty abroad. The only alternative I'm told is a transfer back to the Army, but having been with OSS for the past year, and having great respect for what this organization is doing I feel that OSS is the only place for me. I was further told that the reason for there being no assignment in the USA for me is that I have "too many stripes". Am I to be asked to give up a couple of these hard earned stripes before I'm allowed to remain here for a few months? I still don't believe that there are no vacancies in either Supply or Administration for a person with these qualifications. My record speaks for itself. My 201 file is piled high with recommendations. Even when I requested candidacy for OCS I was told that there are strict quotas and that my chances are nil.

4. I realize I'm not acting through proper channels, yet I've taken the chance to appeal to you, because I've heard that you're a square shooter. Matter of fact, I've always been treated squarely since joining this organization. But in this instance, don't you think that, everything considered, I should be given some temporary assignment here in the States before being shipped to another OSS station overseas?

Jack Fleischman

S/Sgt Jack Fleischman asn:32544748

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Mr. O'Gara

The Director

Rotation policy.

18 February 1948

I wish you would take a look at this. It suggests to me that our rotation policy should be examined. It is in our interest to give enlisted men (as well as officers) who have made fine records in the field a chance to rehabilitate themselves before they are reshipped overseas. A real effort should be made to place them in temporary jobs, replacing men who are qualified for overseas duty.

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Original has been returned to X-2.

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To: [illegible]

F[illegible]: [illegible]

SUBJECT: Carl FLORMAN

Subject was known to have had [illegible] contact with [illegible] early as November 1944. The Swedish Foreign Office warned FLORMAN of [illegible] reputation and put FLORMAN under surveillance of Swedish police as they believed the continued association with [illegible] to be dangerous.

A British report dated 10/1/44 reported [illegible] to appear at the house of Carl Yo[illegible] FLORMAN at [illegible] special request. (YORK American representative of [illegible] films).

In June 1944 [illegible] attempted to contact the [illegible] in Sweden in order to deliver what he described as two important pieces of information obtained by Carl FLORMAN from representatives of the Deutsche Lufthansa who had been in Sweden a few days previously for discussions about the air service between Sweden and Germany.

There is evidence that Carl FLORMAN, Sr., is regarded as a menace by the Swedish Military Intelligence which considers him extremely indiscreet and deplores the amount of highly confidential information about the Swedish Air Force which he possesses, in view of his German contacts. Our informant gives it as his personal opinion that FLORMAN is working for the German I. S., an opinion which one of our most reliable sources also expressed quite independently.

Our representative in Stockholm now reports that a meeting took place between Major Friedrich BUSCH, a former Assistant Air Attache in Sweden and previously reported as an Abwehr officer and the Linz Luft Officer, Oberst Arno [illegible] and Carl FLORMAN, which can hardly be accounted for by the usual pretext of a discussion of civil aviation matters.

BUSCH is a fish merchant in civil life and as far as is known was the one member of the German Air Attache staff in Stockholm who was engaged solely in Abwehr work. He certainly had no connection with civil aviation.

He also states that Bertil FLORMAN is in close touch with the German agent Hans SHAFER, the Deutsche Lufthansa representative in Stockholm, and lunches with him almost every day.

Evaluation: Excerpt from a letter written by Y-s.

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through operational information furnished by [redacted] FLORMAN, the head of Aerotransport. Germany [redacted] was the only important transportation route to [redacted] Russia. Hence, any interruptions in this route [redacted] sirable. Also if the courier route for the Russians [redacted] don could be interrupted, then the Russians would [redacted] to accede to Swedish requests to open direct air [redacted] tween Sweden and Russia.

Over two and one-half months ago, FLORMAN [redacted] Copenhagen where he is known to have had [redacted] a German Abwehr official. It is said that the [redacted] an arrangement by which an air route to Russia should be and agreed to furnish FLORMAN with these transport [redacted] return for information which FLORMAN would furnish the [redacted] FLORMAN agreed to put persons in these planes who would take photographs of strategic points and who would [redacted] able to the Abwehr.

In the actual negotiations with the Swedes, Russia agreed to the opening of an air route from Stockholm [redacted] Murmansk or Archangel. This proposal the Swedish officials rejected. They were interested only in a route to Leningrad, and this proposal the Russians refused. BAHR reports that [redacted] participated in all of these Discussions, in some of which [redacted] participated.

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On the afternoon of October 21, BAHR conferred with the Soviet Ambassador and it was agreed that a protest should be lodged at the Swedish Foreign Office because of failure to provide transportation for Soviet citizens who were in Scotland. Some of these had been waiting six weeks, and the group included two or three couriers. BAHR knew that the Gripen was in Scotland ready to depart. This information he secured from [redacted] of the local British Legation and from his own Embassy [redacted] don. BAHR called Baron LAGERFELD of the Swedish Foreign Office and made an appointment for 10:00 O'clock the following morning. At this conference BAHR demanded 8 seats on the next plane from Scotland to Stockholm, and, in case some guarantees were not given, BAHR threatened to request his government to deny the special concessions by which the Swedish diplomatic couriers bring their pouches out of Russia via Teheran and Ankara and Germany. At 11:00 o'clock Baron LAGERFELD called BAHR and informed him that satisfactory arrangements had been made.

The Gripen, which carried six Soviet passengers, was destroyed just after 10:00 P.M. on the night of October 2, [redacted] None of the Soviet passengers were couriers, but BAHR considers this an accident. He believes that the Nazis shot down the Gripen because they thought it carried Soviet couriers. He believes that the leak to FLORMAN, who transmitted the desired information to the Nazis, was either through the Swedish Foreign Office or through some office of Aerotransport.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Miss Florence Smith

DATE: 13 December 1964

FROM : Louis M. Rees

SUBJECT:

Confirming our telephone conversation, this is to advise you that the letter from the Chief of the Service Record Division of the Civil Service Commission was received under date of 9 December in regard to the termination of Mrs. Sara K. Flakshaar as per copy attached.

This letter was read to Mrs. Smith in Senator Gurney's office over the telephone and she stated that she felt that Mrs. Flakshaar had been accorded every consideration and had received very fair treatment.

L. M. Rees

Louis M. Rees
Deputy Director
Administrative Services

Please place in
Mrs. Flakshaar's file

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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1944

Mr. L. M. Ream
Deputy Director
Administrative Services
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ream:

Reference is made to your letter of November 22, 1944, regarding the termination of Mrs. Sara Knudsen Flakshaar for unsatisfactory services during trial period. The information furnished by you has been placed on file for consideration in the event Mrs. Flakshaar's further employment in the Government service is proposed.

Very respectfully,

/s/ V. Carlson

V. Carlson, Chief
Service Record Division

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25 November 1944

Mrs. Elsa D. Smith
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Smith:

In accordance with our telephone conversation, enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to the Civil Service Commission on Mrs. Sara K. Flakshaar. Also attached is a copy of the chronological summary of facts and investigations of her case.

We wish to assure you of our desire to do everything we can to help her and we shall be glad to do anything we can to assist in this matter.

Sincerely,

Louis M. Rosa
Deputy Director
Administrative Services

cc: Col. Burton

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To Ed Royston

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

11 November 1944

TO: Mr. L. M. Reem, Deputy Director
Administrative Services

FROM: H. S. Krider

SUBJECT: Mrs. Sara K. Flakshaar

A detailed summary of all the facts and investigations concerning Mrs. Sara K. Flakshaar are given below:

1. Name - Sara Knudsen Flakshaar

2. Age - 63

3. Born - Oslo, Norway

4. Qualifications:

   a. Librarian
   b. Translator of Scandinavian languages

5. Former Employment:

   a. Librarian, Boys Club, September 1938 to June 1940
   b. Translator - Army Map Service, February 1941, through August 1943.
   c. Clerk (Indexer) - Office of Strategic Services, December 10, 1943 to November 15, 1944.

6. Efficiency Ratings

   a. 3-31-42, Army Map Service - Good 6 (One step above Fair)
   b. 9-15-43, Army Map Service (Per Termination) - Fair (One step above Unsatisfactory)
   c. 3-31-44, Office of Strategic Services - Unsatisfactory

7. Chronological Events:

   December 10, 1943 - Entered on duty with the Office of Strategic Services under War Service Regulations on a trial period for one year. During the first two or three weeks was given the general training necessary for employees to understand the indexing and classifying system in the Interdepartmental Committee.

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Mrs. Flakshaar was also given additional training because of her inability to grasp the necessary techniques and was encouraged and praised on minor items of progress.

March 31, 1944 - Mrs. Flakshaar was given a trail period Efficiency Rating which indicated that her services were unsatisfactory. This Efficiency Rating was forwarded to the Civilian Personnel Branch in the regular channels.

On March 31, 1944, a memorandum to the Efficiency Rating Committee, of which Mr. H. S. Kridar was Chairman, from Sgt. David M. Clift requested that Mrs. Flakshaar be terminated or transferred because of her inability to perform satisfactory work in the Interdepartmental Committee.

Early in April - Sgt. David M. Clift talked to Mrs. Flakshaar and as a result, after discussing her work, suggested that she would probably be happier in some other division or agency where her translating ability could be used to a better advantage.

About April 18 - Mrs. Flakshaar contacted Senator Chan Gurney regarding her Unsatisfactory Efficiency Rating and the fact that Sgt. Clift had advised her to leave by the end of the month (This is taken from a verbatim transcript of a conversation with her).

About April 25 - Mr. James Baugh, Civil Service Commission Liaison at the Capitol, contacted Mr. John L. Cronkrite, Assistant Chief, Civilian Personnel Branch, regarding Mrs. Flakshaar and her "problem" here. Mr. Baugh was advised of the various steps according to Civil Service regulations which must be taken to separate or transfer Mrs. Flakshaar. This information was evidently relayed to Senator Gurney's office.

April 27 or 28 - Mrs. Smith of Senator Gurney's office contacted Mr. Cronkrite in regard to Mrs. Flakshaar's Unsatisfactory Efficiency Rating and was assured that an efficiency rating given by the supervisor for any OSS employee was only an initial evaluation which was subject to review by a Rating Committee and

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and as such rating was final until an employee's time for the filing of an appeal had expired and it was pointed [illegible] that this would assume a certain [illegible] of [illegible].

[illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] called to [illegible] interest in Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] fair and as [illegible] treatment would be given [illegible] These assurances [illegible].

May 8 - [illegible] Flakshaar was [illegible] by Mrs. [illegible] Edna [illegible] [illegible] Branch [illegible] placing [illegible] [illegible] to another [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] agreed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] discharged [illegible] Mrs. Flakshaar [illegible] [illegible] all day [illegible] successfully for [illegible] two months to place Mrs. [illegible] position elsewhere in [illegible] and [illegible]

May 22 - The Office of Strategic Services received a letter from the Civil Service Commission stating that Mrs. Flakshaar's case had been reconsidered in light of her suitability and had been rated eligible but had been warned by the Commission that in filing Civil Service papers, she must show all arrests and suits. (By own admission: Arrested and fined for shop lifting. Sued for refusal to pay a Dr. Bumfeld.) During the month of June, Mrs. Stonecifer attempted, unsuccessfully, to place Mrs. Flakshaar.

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June 24 - Letter to General Donovan from Senator Gurney relating his interest in the case of Mrs. Flakshaar and stating that he felt this agency had been a little hasty and added that he had contacted the personnel office and asked that she be retained and given the promotion which some of the others were given, and he had never received a reply. This refers to the telephone conversation with Mr. Crenshrite.

June 27 - Col. Buxton, Acting Director, advised Senator Gurney by letter that this office was conducting an investigation of the entire matter and would inform him of the entire situation when the information was available. Col. Buxton instructed the Civilian Personnel Branch to make an extensive investigation concerning the facts of the Flakshaar case. From June 27, to July 7, Mr. Crenshrite conducted the investigation and obtained written statements from Mrs. Flakshaar's supervisors and co-workers in both the Army Map Service and the Interdepartmental Committee. All of these statements were somewhat similar in regard to Mrs. Flakshaar's personal characteristics and ability to do the job; air of superiority, forgetfulness, extremely low production, refusal to accept instruction and criticism, refusal to share equipment, anti-Semitic, anti-British, and that retention of Mrs. Flakshaar was unfair to the rest of the employees and that she was below average employee's ability.

July 7 - Mrs. Flakshaar was interviewed by Mr. Crenshrite, for which a verbatim transcript was taken in order to approve or disapprove the allegations as to her verbosity, ability to remember usual or unusual incidents or facts, attitude toward racial minorities and credibility. This verbatim transcript is a matter of the record of the Civilian Personnel Branch. (This transcript upholds the conclusions reached by her supervisors and co-workers, and the Civilian Personnel Branch is of the opinion that Mrs. Flakshaar is very much "Anti-Everything" and that she is a very unsatisfactory employees for OSS.

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July 11 -	Mr. Crenshrite submitted his completed investigation and report to H. B. Krider Chief, Civilian Personnel Branch, for submission to the Director's Office.
July 13 -	The entire report was transmitted to the Director's Office for decision and advice.
July 26 -	General Donovan advised Senator Gurney by letter that this office had made a careful investigation of Mrs. Flakshaar's case and that this investigation showed that Mrs. Flakshaar had linguistic talents and was well informed. However, he pointed out that translations were only a portion of the work she was called on to do. It is in the portion of abstracting and classifying work that had caused her difficulty. General Donovan advised Senator Gurney that he felt that she had been treated fairly and that if at all possible we would place her in another position more suitable to her talents.
August and September -	The Civilian Personnel Branch has no record or information as to the disposition of this case other than the many requests from Sgt. Clift regarding the action to be taken.
October 18 -	Mr. Ream was advised by Mr. Thrun at Mr. Cheston's request, that Mr. Ream interview Mrs. Flakshaar if he felt it necessary and as the last resort to effect her termination. Mr. Ream then requested the Civilian Personnel Branch to advise him regarding the facts of the case and Mr. Ream advised Mr. Cheston that he did not feel that an interview was necessary.
November 9 -	Mr. Ream interviewed Mrs. Flakshaar with Mr. Krider. During this interview, the entire history of the case was pointed out to Mrs. Flakshaar and the statements of charges were repeated. Mr. Ream concurred in the findings of the Unsatisfactory Efficiency Rating and concurred in the recommendation of the Civilian Personnel Branch and the Interdepartmental Committee that she be terminated, based on her inability to perform satisfactory work.

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November 10 - Mrs. Flaxbeer was sent her notice of Termination effective November 15, 1944 with her Annual Leave carrying her through to November 24, 1944.

M. S. Krider, Chief
Civilian Personnel Branch

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Mr. Louis Ream 18 October 1944

Executive Office

Termination of Mrs. Sara K. Flakshaar

At Mr. Cheston's request I submit to you memorandum of 7 October 1944 from Mr. Cronkrite relating to above subject.

General Donovan has indicated that this should be looked at very carefully and, if necessary, she should be talked with and, if there is no alternative, that she be let go. However, the papers should show exactly what steps were taken to do everything possible to help Mrs. Flakshaar to secure a suitable position. There is attached a letter to General Donovan from Senator Chan Gurney dated 26 July 1944 relating to this party.

Mr. Cheston has asked that you personally look at this matter, speak with Mrs. Flakshaar and advise him of the action taken.

Robert Thrun
Assistant to the
Executive Officer

Attachment

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DATE 10 Oct 44

TO: General Donovan

This termination is submitted to you because of your earlier letter to Senator Gurney, attached.

Charles Chester
Please look
at this - carefully
& if necessary tell
to her - & let
her go - but let
the papers show

FROM:

(32816) EXT.

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T-Flakshaar, Lorel

26 July 1944

Honorable Chan Gurney,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Gurney:

Upon my return from overseas, I found your letter of 24 June 1944, concerning Mrs. Flakshaar.

A careful investigation has been made of the entire question and Mrs. Flakshaar has been interviewed as well as many of her associates and superiors. The investigation disclosed that Mrs. Flakshaar is a woman of excellent education, linguistic talents and well informed. Her knowledge of the Scandinavian languages and her ability as a translator are outstanding.

However, translations are only a portion of the work which she is called upon to do. Of equal importance in her work is an ability to abstract and classify concisely and accurately material which has been translated. It is this latter portion of her work which has caused difficulty in her work here.

After reviewing the matter as presented to me, I cannot find thatshe has been treated unfairly. On the basis of her experience in this agency, it would appear that she would be better suited for work of a different character than her present assignment.

It may well be that she will be happier in position where her work will consist entirely of translation. I am having that possibility inquired into,

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and if such a position can be found for her, I have asked that she be given the opportunity.

Thank you for writing me and I hope that something suitable will be found.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan,
Director.

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Flakshaar, Sara

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TO : Colonel Doering

FROM : Secretariat

SUBJECT: Mrs. Sara Flakshaar

Attached is a proposed letter of reply to Senator Murney's letter concerning the above subject. Also is attached the complete file on this subject. A review of the file and the investigation conducted by John [illegible] Cronkrite of the Civilian Personnel Branch indicate that the subject has been unsatisfactory in her present assignment.

Apparently, she is a woman of advanced years who has difficulty in adapting herself to her present position. The consensus of her superiors and fellow workers seems to be that she is a difficult person to get along with and that her output of work is relatively less than her associates with a rather high percentage of errors.

The interview with Mr. Cronkrite shows an unstable personality colored by the notion that people dislike her because she is a Norwegian. There is no [illegible] foundation for the belief that her superiors [illegible] her, whether that was because she was a [illegible] or because of her difficult personality is not clear. She appears to have some anti-semitic feeling [illegible] may be the cause of or the result of her superior [illegible] toward her, since some of them appear to [illegible]. Mrs. Flakshaar may have a justifiable complaint in that she did not seem to receive adequate instruction prior to her assumption of her present duties. However she apparently has been there a sufficient length of time to have familiarized herself with the nature of her tasks, even though she lacked initial instructions.

Under all the circumstances, her dismissal would seem to be indicated. Her career with the Army Map Service was not a particularly outstanding one and she was rated weak on presentability of work, industry, rate of progress on assignments, amount of acceptable work and cooperativeness. Her official rating there was "Fair".

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Flakshaar, Sara M.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Acting Director 4 July 1944

FROM: Civilian Personnel Branch

SUBJECT: Mrs. Sara Flakshaar

The subject of your memorandum dated 27 June 1944 is being investigated and our findings are requiring more time than was anticipated.

A complete report will be forthcoming as soon as the investigation is completed.

H. S. Krider, Chief
Civilian Personnel Branch

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27 June 1944

Honorable Chan Gurney,
United States Senate,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Gurney:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24 June 1944 addressed to General Donovan, who is at present absent from Washington.

I regret very much the action of a representative of this agency in failing to reply to your inquiry concerning Mrs. Sara Plakshaar. An investigation of the entire matter has been directed and I will inform you of the situation as soon as the information is available.

Sincerely yours,

G. Edward Buxton,
Acting Director.

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PERSONAL

June 24, 1944

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan, Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

My dear General Donovan:

I dislike to bother you about a personnel matter, knowing that you have matters of much more importance requiring your time and attention. However, this case concerns a constituent, Mrs. Sara T. Flakshaar, who formerly lived in my home town of Yankton, South Dakota. She is employed in the Assistant Director's Department of the OSS, Scandinavian Division [illegible] receiving a salary of $1800.00.

Mrs. Flakshaar is an older woman, born in Norway, and came to this country where she was educated and lived practically her entire life, except for yearly trips back to Norway and many other countries in Europe, in connection with her studies and work as a concert singer, art, etc.

Mrs. Flakshaar is perhaps temperamental, but she is highly educated, and speaks and writes Norwegian, Swedish, Danish and German. Recently, her Division was given a professional status, which, as I understand, would raise the salaries of those in her Division to possibly $2700.00. Of the sixty people in the Division, Mrs. Flakshaar was the only one not to receive the increase, and a day or two ago she was requested by a Sergeant Clift to look for another job as her services would be terminated as of July 29th.

The reason given for dropping her was that she did not get out as many reports as others in her Division. No credit was given her for the accuracy, intelligence and judgment apparent on her reports. Mrs. Flakshaar became a naturalized citizen many years ago, and has a Civil Service status. She is an extremely capable and well informed lady, is identified with the best people in South Dakota and Washington, and of unquestioned loyalty. I have known her, her deceased husband, and her family since I was a boy. I speak of her, therefore, from my own personal knowledge.

The position Mrs. Flakshaar holds is a War Service job, and I

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feel that the action taken against her by those Personnel clerks of her Division was unjust, and was based on some personal feeling against her rather than the statement that she did not "get out as many reports as others" in her Division.

A month or so ago, I called one of the Personnel officers of the OSS and discussed Mrs Flakshaar's case with him, and asked that she be retained and given the grade to which others in the Division have been raised. I have never had a reply.

I might add that I understand those who judge Mrs. Flakshaar's work do not speak her languages and have never been in these countries.

I have given the facts in this case in detail as I felt that is what I should do, so that you will have them as well as my opinion of the action taken against Mrs. Flakshaar, and I would ask that you investigate the case, and advise me if it is not possible to retain this lady in her present position.

I may be in South Dakota for several weeks after the middle of next week, but would suggest if you desire further information regarding this case during my absence, that you have someone get in touch with Mrs. Smith, of my office, who is familiar with it.

Hoping you will be able to take at least a little rest during the summer, and with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chan Gurney

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Chan Gurney.

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3 March 1944

MEMORANDUM TO MR. KNOW WILLIAM FLECK

SUBJECT: ORDERS

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Strategic Services Officer for that Theatre of Operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Strategic Services Officer for such Theatre.

William J. Donovan
Director, OSS

APPROVED:

Morton Bodfish
Deputy Chief, MO

APPROVED:

J. M. Scribner
Deputy Director, SSO

Ensign John Wilson, USNR
European Theatre Officer

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147, Cottage Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Chatham, Cape Cod, Mass.
August 31. 1945.

Mr. William J. Donovan
Maj. General, U.S.A.
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Donovan,

you wrote to me on June 29th 1945. I have not thanked you for your letter and I beg you to excuse the delay, but my health has been poor.

I appreciated your letter very much.

Fully realizing the smallness of my part in the enormus set-up of your office, I was proud and happy to be given such confidence.

As you know, it is a historical priviledge of Switzerland, my country, to be neutral, at least we see it like this and stand up for it as a nation. But as an individual, it is hard to hold back, not to take sides. It would have been especially so for me, as I like America. Having explored this country, driven around it twice, all alone in the car, I have seen its beauty, for which you make little propaganda, experienced the sponteanous friendliness of the American people and have taken in the enormous contrasts of this vast continent, which are so difficult to understand abroad. As a sideline of my job, I was able to speak up for your country, which for a Swiss was easier to do and it gave me huge pleasure of course.

So you see, from a general political standpoint as well as from the point of view of a private person, who was eager to show some gratitude towards this country, the job with your office was a wonderful opportunity for me.

Very sincerely

Mrs. Anita Forrer

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Forrer, Anita

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 29, 1945

MO (S) for signature

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Director

FROM: Chief, Finance Branch

SUBJECT: Mrs. Anita Forrer

1. In accordance with memorandum dated 23 January 1945, subject — Termination Letter, signed by Deputy Director, Personnel, I respectfully attach herewith letter to above subject for your signature.

2. Mrs. Forrer was recruited by Donald Downes in the summer of 1942 and went to Bern to work under Mr. Dulles. She accepted this assignment at considerable risk because she was a Swiss subject and exposure of her situation would not only have been embarrassing but serious in respect to the Swiss Government. From Mr. Dulles I understand she did faithfully all she could do under the circumstances.

3. It is believed that subject is most deserving and would appreciate a termination letter over your signature.

Attachment

W. L. Rehm

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26 March 1945

[redacted]

TO: Carl S. Forsythe
2nd Lieut., JAGD

FROM: Director

SUBJECT: [redacted]

1. Orders are being issued transferring you on permanent change of station to London, England, as ETO Theater Counsel for the Office of Strategic Services.

2. Your duties will be to advise the Strategic Services Officer on all purely legal matters and to render assistance and advice in all matters under his jurisdiction which involve legal questions. In addition, you will be available for legal assistance to such personnel of OSS as may be unable to avail themselves of the military legal assistance services. While you will doubtless be required to perform many of your specific duties at the Paris office and such other places as directed by the Strategic Services Commander, you should at all times endeavor, insofar as may be feasible, to establish and maintain practices and procedures uniform throughout the Theater, and in harmony with the policies and regulations of the Theater Commander.

3. You will report fully to the General Counsel on all your activities and the problems and specific legal questions with which you become involved. You will keep his office informed of all matters of importance in which the General Counsel might have an interest.

William J. Donovan
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
2677th REGIMENT
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES (PROV)
APO 512

9 March 1945

SUBJECT: Supplement to semi-monthly reports - forwarded under separate cover - 9 March 1945

TO : The Director, Washington, D. C.

1. Attached hereto is supplement to Eighth Army Detachment semi-monthly report. This report is being forwarded to you, under separate cover, today.

Edward J. F. Glavin (889)
EDWARD J. F. GLAVIN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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Main 5 Corps,
S/GSI
12 Jan 45.

OC Eighth Army OSS Det,
c/o GSI(CL) Main Eighth Army

Report on mission by Lieut. FONTANA 27-30 Dec.

1. Lieut. FONTANA was passed through the Corps front on 27 Dec 44 on a mission initiated by GSI Eighth Army, with additional briefing by GSI 5 Corps. He returned night 30/31 Dec, having been wounded in the arm by enemy MG fire. He was admitted to 5 CCS.

2. In spite of being unable to complete his mission as originally planned, Lieut. FONTANA brought back valuable information. The items were :

(a) Documents from a dead German. These gave normal identification.

(b) Company sign-post collected on M.GHEBBIO N.2024 in the German main defence zone, a thousand yards beyond the river SENIO. Identification normal, but exact location of considerable interest.

(c) Names remembered from other company signposts, seen on M. GHEBBIO. These placed a divisional boundary for us and were of great value in assessing the enemy layouts.

(d) Information on mines and MG posns which was of value to forward troops.

3. Lieut. FONTANA showed himself courageous and resourceful. The fact that he kept on his person an enemy signboard and incriminating documents when he was making his way back wounded is a testimony to his "guts". We got information of definite value from him, and were well satisfied with his mission.

Brigadier,
General Staff,.

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Foreman, John T. Jr.
Y Manasco, Rep. Carter

9 February 1945

The Honorable Carter Manasco
The House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Manasco:

In our letter to you of January 8, concerning T/4 John .. Foreman, Jr., we informed you that your recommendation was being forwarded to the young man's Commanding Officer.

You will be interested in knowing that we have now received a reply, advising us that Foreman's application for OCS has been completed and that he has been given an unqualified recommendation. Our representative also states that he showed a copy of your letter to Foreman and that Foreman was very happy to know of your interest in him.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

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Foreman, John T
Manasco

G-2 STRATEGIC SERVICES SECTION
HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH U.S. ARMY
APO 758

3 February 1945

Colonel G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

(Thru: Col. Gamble, OSS (Fwd) ETO

Dear Colonel Buxton

This will acknowledge your letter of January 8 and the enclosed copy of a letter from Congressman Manasco concerning T/4 Foreman of our unit.

It just happens that T/4 Foreman recently completed an application to attend OCS and both Major Crosby and I have been able to give him a letter of recommendation inasmuch as he is a very earnest and capable young man.

I have shown the correspondence, including the letter from Congressman Manasco, to T/4 Foreman who, of course, was pleased to learn of the interest taken in him by his Congressman.

Sincerely yours,

N. H. Wentworth

N. H. WENTWORTH
Major, Inf.
Commanding

Copy to: Major Geo. H. Andrews
Adjutant, Hq & Hq Det, OSS, ETO

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8 January 1945

The Honorable Carter Manasco
The House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

In General Donovan's absence I am writing in reference to your letter of 4 January 1945, about John T. Foreman, Jr. I have sent a copy of your letter to Foreman's commanding officer, so that he may have the benefit of your recommendation in considering Foreman for Officer Candidate School.

We much appreciate your interest in writing.

Sincerely,

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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Foreman

8 January 1945

Colonel D. K. E. Bruce
c/o Commanding General
European Theater No. 1
APO 887

Attention of Major Nathan H. Wentworth

Dear Major Wentworth:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Congressman Manasco concerning T/4 John T. Foreman, Jr., ASN 34801565, who is in your command. This letter is for your information, and for such consideration as you may choose to give it.

A copy has also been sent to Major George H. Andrews, Adjutant of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, OSS, ETO.

Sincerely,

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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8 January 1945

Colonel David K. E. Bruce
c/o Commanding General
European Theater No. 1
APO 413

ATTN: Major George H. Andrews

Dear Major Andrews:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter which I have written today to Major Wentworth, together with a copy of a letter from Congressman Manasco, concerning T/4 John T. Foreman, Jr., ASN 34801563.

Sincerely,

G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: 8 January 1945

TO : Colonel Buxton

FROM : The Secretariat

SUBJECT:

Attached is a letter from Congressman Manasco, recommending T/4 John T. Foreman, Jr., for Officer Candidate School. Foreman is in the OSS detachment with the Seventh Army, under the command of Major Wentworth.

There are attached for your signature letters transmitting copies of Congressman Manasco's letter to Major Wentworth and to the OSS Adjutant in London, as well as a letter in reply to Congressman Manasco.

John W. Auchincloss
John W. Auchincloss
1st Lt., JAGD

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EXPENDITURES IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 4, 1945.

Director,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:

This letter is written to you in the interest of a personal friend of mine who is a member of your organization. His name is John T. Foreman, Jr., ASN 34,801,563, 2677th Regt. OSS (Prov.).

I have known John T. and his parents for twenty years or more. John T. has had every advantage his parents could give him and, in my opinion, is one of the most capable boys in my District. He possesses exceptionally sound judgment for a man of his age and his character is above reproach.

This young man has such good possibilities that I am anxious to do anything I can do to help him. If he were given the opportunity to attend Officer Candidate School, I have no doubt that he would prove his worth and his ability.

You are, of course, in much better position than I to weigh the qualifications of your men. However, on account of my lifelong friendship for this young man and his family, I felt it would do no harm to call this matter to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Carter Manasco

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Commanding Officer, Hq. & Hq. Det. 3 November 1944

OSS Theater Officer

Addition to the Allotment for the Director's Office - ETO

1. Approval has been given for the Director's Office - ETO to recruit Sgt. Truman M. Ford in the field against one of the ETO vacancies.

2. Effective date 3 November 1944.

For the Director:

Andrew G. Carey
Lt. Comdr., USNR
Executive Officer, OSSETO

cc: ETO (2)
Director's Office

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Forbes, Mary 14 [illegible]

C. J. Lennihan, Jr.
J. P. Macaulay

16 June 1944

General Donovan has indicated his approval of the action taken by you regarding Mary Forbes as outlined in your memorandum to him of 9 June 1944.

J. P. Macaulay
Director's Office

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

9 June 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brig. General William J. Donovan

FROM: C. J. Loundsbury, Jr.

Seymour Houghton, head of X-2, New York City, tells me that James Murphy wishes our payments to Mary Forbes to cease with payment for month of May, until such time as "her special talents can be of use to this organization". He further says that Mary has been informed and agrees "to the wisdom of this course".

I am accordingly striking her from my records, but think it wise to advise you as this is a matter which I have been check ng with you, personally. Doubtless Murphy consulted with you in the matter, but, as he isn't here, I want to be sure you are posted.

C. J. L. Jr.

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For Mr. Shephardson

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From LT. T.J. McFadden
USNR

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DAVIN.....

1. Forwarded herewith is the material concerning which we talked over the 'phone yesterday.

2. If I can be of any help, please let me know.

A.R.

Attachments

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From the desk of
ATHERTON RICHARDS

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Date 5/5

To. Colonel Richards

For your comments, recommendations and return at earliest convenience.

E. J. Putzell Jr.
Lieutenant (j.g.), USNR
Asst. Executive Officer

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO General William J. Donovan

DATE: 4 May 1944

FROM: Robert DeVecchi

SUBJECT Fortune Magazine - April 1944 issue

At the request of Mr. Deuel I am sending to you a list of the editors, writers and researchers who worked on the so-called Japanese issue of Fortune.

I am enclosing a letter addressed to Mr. Deuel by Ralph D. Paine, Jr., Managing Editor of Fortune, which letter is self-explanatory.

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FORTUNE
TIME & LIFE BUILDING
ROCKEFELLER CENTER
NEW YORK

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

May 4, 1944

Mr. Wallace R. Deuel
Room 3663
630 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Deuel:

Enclosed is a list of the editors, writers and researchers who worked on the so-called Japanese issue. There is really nothing that can be added to what was reported in the issue itself about the contributors and assistance except that we had a researcher, Alice Collins, stationed in Washington where she coordinated all the research done in the capital.

I trust that the information will be of some value to you.

Faithfully yours,

Ralph D. Paine, Jr.

Ralph D. Paine, Jr.
Managing Editor

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EDITORS, WRITERS & RESEARCHERS FORTUNE APRIL 1944 ISSUE

Name of Story	Editor	Writer	Position	Research Assistant
THE JOB BEFORE US	A.L.Furth	Herrymon Maurer	Board of Editors	J. Malinowska
THE WAY OF THE GODS	A.L.Furth	Herrymon Maurer	Board of Editors	J. Malinowska
WHO RUNS THE EMPEROR?	H. Maurer	Thomas Mahoney	Associate Editor	Anna DeCormis
THE LOOK OF JAPAN	A L.Furth	Henry Hart	Associate Editor	M. E. Murphy
JAPAN'S BOAT TO WAR	A.L.Furth	William Miller	Associate Editor	Gertrude Kenyon
THE CITIZEN SUBJECT	A L.Furth	Katharine Hamill	Associate Editor	Angelica Welldon
THE FARMER	A.L.Furth	Katharine Hamill	Associate Editor	Angelica Welldon
THE CONTROL OF H. FUJINO	H Maurer	Henry Hart	Associate Editor	M. E. Murphy
THE GEOGRAPHY OF CONQUEST	H. Maurer	Rosalind Constable	Research Assistant	Rosalind Constable
LITTLE INDUSTRY. BIG WAR	A.L.Furth	Kenneth Galbraith	Board of Editors	Fritsch & Steber
THE ARMY HAD ITS DAY	A.L.Furth	Herrymon Maurer	Board of Editors	J. Malinowska
THE JAPANESE ARMY	A.L.Furth	Herrymon Maurer	Board of Editors	J. Malinowska
ASIA FOR THE JAPANESE	A.L.Furth	Shelley Smith	Sr. Researcher(LIFE)	S. Fischman
WHEN THE JAP CAME TO MANILA	A.L.Furth	Shelley Smith	Sr. Researcher(LIFE)	S. Fischman
WHAT TO DO WITH JAPAN?	H. Maurer	Herrymon Maurer	Board of Editors	Mia Fritsch
ISSEI, NISEI, KIBEI	H. Maurer	Henry Horn	Associate Editor	Sarah McCarten
HOW MANY JAPANESE?	A.L.Furth	Alfred Jones	Associate Editor	Jean Ford
WHAT THEY LEFT BEHIND THEM	A.L.Furth	William Miller	Associate Editor	G. Kenyon
U. S. KNOWLEDGE ABOUT JAPAN	A.L.Furth	Richardson Wood	Board of Editors	B. Youngstran d
FORTUNE'S WHEEL	A.L.Furth	Rosalind Constable	Research Assistant	Angelica Welldon

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201-Fox, William L. (O) 24 February 1945

SUBJECT: Promotion.

TO: The Adjutant General.

ATTN: Officers Branch, Promotion Section, Munitions Bldg, Washington 25, D. C.

1. Under the provisions of AR 605-15, as amended, it is recommended that the officer named below be promoted as indicated:

Major William L. Fox, 0500171, CMP

Date of last promotion: 30 December 1942

Grade recommended: Lieutenant Colonel

2. A position vacancy exists in accordance with approved table of allotment for this organization, and the filling of such vacancy by the promotion of this officer, together with all previous recommendations not acted upon, will not operate to exceed the number of position vacancies.

3. Major Fox occupies a position as Special Assistant to the Chief, Secret Intelligence Branch.

4. Major Fox has clearly demonstrated his fitness for the responsibilities and duties of the position and grade for which promotion is recommended since he assumed his present position in July, 1944. In his position as Special Assistant, Major Fox reports directly to the Chief of the Secret Intelligence Branch, one of the largest and most active branches of this organization. He acts for that official on all Branch matters which fall within the purview of the OSS Secretariat, General Counsel's Office, and Board of Review. Major Fox is further responsible for the preparation of all Branch orders which include such important directives as those establishing Branch policy and procedures, as well as those coordinating the activities of the various geographic divisions and sections of the Secret Intelligence Branch. Major Fox insures that contemplated Branch actions of a legal or financial character are in accord with over-all OSS orders and existing agency policies. The proper discharge of these responsibilities requires superior legal background, maturity of judgment, understanding of human relations, and the capacity to resolve problems of a complicated

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nature. Major Fox is Top Secret Control Officer of the Secret Intelligence Branch, charged with all the responsibilities inherent in that assignment. Major Fox also serves as counsel of the OSS Personnel Board and has prepared papers and made inquiries for that Board, and is at the present time serving as Master to take testimony and recommend findings in certain disputed cases.

5. Copy of Officer's Qualification Card is enclosed.

6. Major Fox will occupy his present position upon promotion.

7. There is no surplus officer available in this command in the grade for which promotion is recommended who can be assigned to fill this position vacancy.

8. The relative rank of this officer has been considered, and to the best of my knowledge he is the best fitted officer available in this command for the grade and position for which promotion is recommended.

For and in the absence of the Director:

CHARLES S. CHESTON,
Acting Director

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OSS FORM 40018

Date 28 April 1944

To: Colonel Buxton

Copies of the attached communication respecting Major Fox are being sent to Colonel Connely and to Maj. General Smith.

C. A. Bane.

Office of the Secretariat

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Fox, Maj. Wm. Logan 14-2-98

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 24, 1944.

Colonel O. Edward Buxton,
Acting Director,
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Buxton:

Your letter of April 18 requesting the release of Major William Logan Fox for assignment in your Intelligence Branch is before me.

I am appreciative of the many courtesies extended by the Office of Strategic Services to me and to my staff and I am pleased to be able to meet the desire of your Office in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Allen W. Gullion,
Major General,
The Provost Marshal General

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April 18, 1945

Major General Allen W.Gullion
The Provost Marshal General
1058 Munitions Bldg
Washington, DC

Dear General Gullion:

Major General John P.Smith has informed me of his telephone conversation with you this morning and of your willingness to make available for transfer Major William Logan Fox, if we still desire his services.

We appreciate this most heartily as we would like very much to have Major Fox in our Intelligence Branch.

If you approve we should like to make a request to the Adjutant General for his transfer to the Office of Strategic Services.

Yours most sincerely,

G.Edward Buxton

Acting Director

copy to Col.Connely

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TO Mr. Tozzer ~~Lt. Putzell~~

FROM William L. Langer

DATE 20 June 1944 1944 JUL 22 AM 11 23

SUBJECT Evaluation of April 1944 issue of Fortune

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I am sending to you herewith a memorandum received in this office addressed to General Donovan from Dr. Alfred Tozzer, to which he has attached a critique on the articles on Japan contained in the April 1944 issue of Fortune.

As you know, General Donovan expressed interest in receiving evaluations of these articles, and we have previously sent him a memorandum prepared by our Far East Division.

William L. Langer
Chief, Research and
Analysis Branch

attachments

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
HONOLULU, T. H.

May 10, 1944

General William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan,

In response to your request for a critique on the articles on Japan in "Fortune" for April, 1944, I have been fortunate in obtaining one from a scholar who has lived and worked in Japan. I enclose his dossier and the detailed review of the contents of this magazine.

I still remember with pleasure the fleeting moments when I saw you here. Halliwell sits temporarily at a desk beside mine and I feel the congeniality is mutual.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred M. Tozzer

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THE WRITER'S DOSSIER

The writer of this critique received his A. B. at the University of Minnesota and his A. M. at Columbia University. In 1912 he went to Japan where he lived continuously until April, 1941 except for his year at Columbia (about 1917) and several months in 1927. During this time he taught English at the Hiroshima Higher Normal School and was a lecturer at Hiroshima University. He has been an eager student of Japanese life and knows spoken Japanese very well. He owned a house in Hiroshima and a summer home at Gotemba. He has traveled all over Japan and walked a good many of the trips to gain an intimate acquaintance with the people and the countryside. He has written articles for and published in "The Atlantic Monthly", the old "Scribners", and other periodicals.

Please note that the author is a teacher of English, not of Economics.

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A CRITIQUE OF THE ARTICLES IN THE APRIL, 1944, "FORTUNE"

After reading carefully all the articles, I think that "Fortune" can congratulate itself on a fine piece of work. Those that appealed to me especially I have checked. ("The Way of the Gods", "Who Runs the Emperor", "The Citizen-Subject", "The Control of H. Fujino", "Little Industry, Big War", "The Army Had Its Day", What to Do With Japan?") (The two marked with a cross made me blush. -- "Issei, Nisei, Kibei", "What They Left Behind Them") Perhaps the most amazing thing about this series is the ability of the writers to gather so many figures of a relatively late date.

The great weakness, it seems to me, on the positive side is the sense of certainty, given the reader by the clipped, "authoritative" style of a Luce publication, that he has been handed "the real low-down" on Japan, that now he knows. I learned a lot from these articles, but as I thought of the more innocent American reader, I found myself occasionally saying, "Yes, yes -- but..."

On analyzing this feeling in myself, I came to the conclusion that it arose from the great negative fault of the series: the omission of any article or section which treated the Japanese as warm-blooded human beings just like ourselves. They are shown as fanatics, would-be gods, automata, items in tables of statistics, warriors, and sadists -- almost everything except men actuated fundamentally by the same instincts as we are. No attempt is made to show Japan's real case, which does exist and which, in my opinion, is at least a dozen times as valid as Germany's. Until we do see Japan's case and do our part to satisfy it, we shall never have a healthy state of affairs in the Far East, I'm afraid.

I've mentioned Germany. She was suffering from certain disabilities, but had Hitler been a statesman and not merely a gangster he could have set her on her feet. No insurmountable barriers were raised against her. She was more

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admired than feared, and she belonged to the dominant world race.

The Japanese Army and the Imperial Godhead hocus pocus ought to be smashed beyond any hope of revival, but we must remember that neither of them could have become the curse it has without the tacit consent of the ordinary Japanese, and that, about as peaceloving as we ourselves, he would never have given his consent had not his own position been so extremely uncomfortable. Long before the Manchurian "Incident" Japan had been accused of "dumping," and market after market had been closed to her -- by suzerain powers like Britain and the Netherlands, who wanted the lion's share of their colonies' business, as well as by us. Naturally, the ordinary Japanese citizen, who really is nobody's fool, mentally speaking, decided that his country had no trustworthy friend but her own right arm. Which came first, the chicken or the egg, the mistaken moves on the part of Japan or the repressive moves on that of other countries, need not concern us here, the point being simply that these articles do not show that the squeezing process applied by outsiders existed at all, or that many of Japan's acts proceeded less from moral turpitude or inborn cussedness than from what other nations with less excuse than she have called "necessity." It may be asking too much to expect a popular magazine like "Fortune" to be perfectly objective in wartime; but the failure to make the attempt weakens the series, especially the end -- for how can a physician prescribe for a disease with any hope of success when he isn't even interested in all its causes?

The last article -- "What to Do with Japan" -- I enjoyed very much. I thought the writer very wise in the main, and as far as he went. But as I've just intimated, he doesn't go far enough. When he says, "We shall fail, if, in self-conscious self-criticism, we begin believing that Japan was the injured nation and that the prewar United States economic and British political policies were the basic causes of war," I agree, if he means we shouldn't get sentimental and let the

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guilty escape and start plotting again. But nevertheless these policies and others were among the basic causes of the war, and the way he phrases the sentence -- a certain scornful vehemence in it -- makes me a little suspicious that, perhaps unconsciously, he's a bit afraid to look at these "policies" of ours, for fear lest, given their occasion and time, they might turn out rather "basic" after all.

I'm enthusiastic over his attitude toward the Emperor. Judging from an exchange of letters with Mr. Grew, I should also imagine that this writer is correct in his estimate of our Government's pro-Emperor leanings. Personally, I'm in favor of treating His Majesty decently. From all I've heard he's a good man and is less the blame for the war than any of the men around him. But why play the asinine role those men would like to have us do, and treat him as though we too believed him to be a god? When Americans get started bending the pregnant hinges of the knee, they can kneel lower and more awkwardly than the rest! The Emperor of Japan should be treated like, say, the King of England in defeat, or our own ruler in such circumstances, no better and no worse. The fact that we weren't struck by lightning would prove that his "divinity" wasn't very profound. In fact, I should be quite in favor of compelling the Emperor to proceed on foot from the Palace to our Embassy to apologize for Pearl Harbor -- or rather, not for Pearl Harbor, which they had a perfect right to bomb, but for attacking before declaring war, a nice little trick that it is high time Japan was unlearning. The little promenade by the Emperor (he's too fat anyway) would ensure the suicide of any remaining guilty parties.

No; a real peace with Japan won't let us off so easily. Whatever Japan must see to, we on our part must do the following:

(1) Give her an immigration quota and permit her subjects to become citizens, just as Europeans and now Chinese can.

(2) Declare our adherence to the principle of racial equality.

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(3) Treat the people of all races resident in our territory decently.

(4) Not yell to high Heaven every time she undersells us in our own or world markets. And not attack her for sweating her labor, until such time as she can raise her living standard, which she can do only by working and selling and buying, with our blessing or our curse.

Not practical? It had better be, for our own sakes! Practical or not, some of these items are the price it will cost us to gain the respect and friendship, not merely of Japan but of China and the rest of Asia, and of multiracial humanity too.

I forgot to add a fifth item to the things Asia as well as Japan expects us to do:

(5) Persuade those democratic (for whites) Powers, Britain and the Netherlands, to get out of Asia as landholders as soon as possible. We are admired for having gotten out of the Philippines, but, (greatness gives one no rest) we shan't be really admired until we have persuaded the others to get out too.

Statements which I think more or less wrong:

The Way of the Gods -- Excellent as a whole, but rather dogmatic. Very well written; but the paper never assumes for a moment, or even hints that Japan's leaders were themselves ever moved by economic and population necessities. A part of what they did almost any patriotic leaders would have done, even if actuated by international good will. This of course does not mean that I condone either their aggression or their methods, but I do think that the article is weakened by the assumption that like Milton's Adam and Eve they had the "world all before them" and could pick and choose like absolutely free agents.

p. 124 -- frockcoats. (morning coats would be right)

p. 125 -- The Japanese not individuals. This argument is overdone.

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p. 127 -- usually produce a delicate line. (as a matter of fact Japanese generally produce a bold one.) The writer correctly describes the No, but ignores the Kabuki and the popular sword plays and movies, in the last two of which there is action to the point of absurdity.

p. 128, 129 -- Of the four excellent drawings I can't wholly believe No's 1 and 3, because our women, unless shy and petite, seldom appeal to Japanese men, and because Japanese soldiers would have to be dead drunk before they would want to kill a small child.

p. 138 -- No great Japanese ethical teaching(?) Of course the writer goes on to explain that some came from China.

Who Runs the Empire? --

p. 132 -- Not every school must or can have an Imperial portrait. Only recognized schools.

p. 273 -- second paragraph on "How the Emperor is Run" very good. In a sense, I thought as I read, the Government of Japan can best be explained by negatives (as on p. 273) and by parables (as in the comparison to the pigeons on p. 274)

p. 276 -- Hamaguchi recovered from his wounds temporarily.

The Citizen-Subject --

p. 147 -- The Imperial Hotel Dining Room (and Grill?) is now said to be closed.

p. 147 -- The unhulled rice -- or rather the only partially polished rice -- down to 1941 was honestly considered better by doctors for its power to prevent beriberi.

p. 149 -- More likely the "Asahi " Building.

p. 245 -- The mother-in-law is part of the family. That is, the husband's mother -- very much a member of the family; sometimes the boss. The father, as is true with us, often loves his daughter more than his son.

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p. 245 -- The claim of 99.5% literacy includes those -- a large number -- who know only the two chief types of simplified phonetic characters.

Control of H. Fujino --

p. 157 -- The phrase "Yamato Damashii" is a little dated. The modern term is "Nippon Seishin."

What They Left Behind Them --

p. 221 -- Perhaps my opinion is of little value on this subject, but I was in California at the time and, if all the stories I heard were only half true, most of the property-owning evacuees were badly cheated. This paragraph (2) almost admits as much, but yet manages not to emphasize what in fact was shameful mishandling.

What to Do with Japan --

p.180 --Miss Okubo's picture. I recognize the types, but there's not a cheerful face in the lot. This is uncharacteristic of the Japanese, many of whom will smile even when they have nothing to smile about. Even as a "psycho-photograph" showing the nation of the present day, this is a little exaggerated, I imagine.

p. 182 -- Contrary to this writer, I believe that there are many Japanese who in their hearts "disapprove of the war" (Col. 2) but I don't know any who could see any "justice" (Col. 1) in a peace that stripped Japan of her pre-1931 acquisitions.

p. 183 -- The writer doesn't want to interfere even in case of internal chaos. I agree, but we must remember that it is largely the Japanese instinct for order and horror of chaos that has made the nation submit so docilely and even eagerly to the present heavy system. The centuries of civil war still live in the racial memory. A new chaos might send a liberated Japan scuttling back to the protection of authority. Of course, it isn't difficult to imagine a future Japan of a communistic nature.

As a whole an excellent article, especially the part warning us not to coddle the Emperor.

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25 February 1944

MEMORANDUM TO MISS JANE FOSTER

SUBJECT: ORDERS

1. You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the destination indicated in your military orders, where you will report to the Chief, Office of Strategic Services, for that Theatre of Operations. You are, thereafter, to act under the instructions of the Chief, Office of Strategic Services, for such Theatre.

William J. Donovan
Director, OSS

APPROVED:

Morton Bodfish
Deputy Chief, MO

APPROVED:

J. M. Scribner
Deputy Director, SSO

Major Carl O. Hoffman
FE Theatre Officer

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1 March 1944

Lt. Colonel Franklin S. Forsberg
Army Service Forces
205 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Colonel Forsberg:

I have received the two copies of Newsmaps showing Japanese and German Army uniforms, and I am very pleased to have them. I hope that you did not go to too much trouble in securing them for me.

It was very kind of you also to ask the Chicago printer to forward to me copies of the Newsmap on "Military Courtesy." I shall look forward to receiving it.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

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ARMY SERVICE FORCES
New York Branch Office
Morale Services Division
205 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

28 February 1944

Brigadier General W.J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th & E Streets, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Donovan:

As requested, this office is forwarding you, under separate cover, two copies each of Newsmap showing Japanese and German Army Uniforms.

Copies of Newsmap showing "Military Courtesy" are not available in this office. However, we have communicated with the Chicago printer to have same forwarded your address.

Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN S. POWERS,
Lt. Colonel, A.G.S.,
Commanding Officer.

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New York Branch Office
Morale Services Division
205 East 42nd Street
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Lt. Colonel, A.U.S.,
Commanding Officer.

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Ford, Lt Col Corey

22 September 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR Major General Stephen Henry, Jr., War Dept.

1. I should appreciate greatly your giving your personal attention to the attached two cases of Lt. Col. Corey Ford and Maj. Allastair MacBain, as the mission I have planned for them is one of considerable importance to me.

William J. Donovan
Maj. Gen., U.S.A.

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6 April 1945

201 Ford, Corey (O)

SUBJECT: Temporary Promotion of Officer

TO : Commanding Officer, Hq. and Hq. Detachment

1. Promotion of the following named officer to the grade of Lt. Colonel is recommended:

Major Corey Ford, 0346372, AUS

2. a. Date of rank: 25 February 1944

b. Present age: 43

c. Date of assignment to OSS: 26 Feb 44

3. All officers in the Director's Office, senior in rank to officer recommended, have been considered in making this recommendation.

4. Subject officer has demonstrated his fitness for the responsibilities and duties of the grade for which promotion is recommended since February 1944:

Assignments	Units	Dates	Manner of Performance
Spec Asst to Dir	OSS, Wash.	25 Feb-25 Mar 44	V/R
Spec Asst to Dir	OSS, Wash.	25 Mar-7 Jul 44	V/R
Spec Asst to Dir	OSS, Wash.	7 Jul-31 Dec 44	Superior

5. Statement of overseas service: CBI Theater from 26 March to 7 July 1944.

6. Job description is attached.

WILLIAM J. DONOVAN
Director

Theater Officer

Statistical Officer

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12 March 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Major Corey Ford
Captain Alastair MacBain

Subject : Orders

1. You are hereby authorized and directed in accordance with your Military Orders to proceed to the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations where you will report to the Chief of OSS, SEAC, and the Chief of OSS, China.

2. You will be primarily engaged in your special mission for the Commanding General, USAAF, but will be available to the Chief of OSS, SEAC, and the Chief of OSS, China, for such assistance to them as will not interfere with your primary mission.

William J. Donovan
Director

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7 February 1944

General [illegible]
Commanding General, [illegible]
War Department
Washington, [illegible]

Dear [illegible]:

[illegible]

[illegible] appreciative [illegible] writing in recommendation of these two men, and [illegible] assistance [illegible] attempts to secure commissions for them.

We shall of course [illegible] advised of all [illegible]nts.

Sincerely yours,

C. Edward Buxton,
Acting Director.

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January 25, 1944

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Room 103, North Building
25th and E Streets, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

As you know from our discussions on the subject, I am most interested in your proposal to request the Secretary of War's Personnel Board to favorably consider commissioning Mr. Corey Ford as Major, AUS,OSS. I still feel there is genuine need for an officer of Mr. Ford's capabilities to serve on liaison between the OSS and the AAF and that no one now commissioned appears to possess the exact qualifications we agree upon as being essential.

By reason of the fact that Mr. Ford served for many months as a Special Consultant to me, during which time he traveled to both Alaska and England, I know he possesses unique qualifications for the work we have in mind for him. Consequently, while I am aware of the significance of the memorandum from the Secretary of War dated November 13, 1943, which discontinues all commissions except for a very limited number of specialized tasks, I am most hopeful that you will strongly urge that an exception be made in this particular case.

Sincerely,

H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

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Dr. Langsam
Executive Office
Lieut. Leslie T. Fossel, USNR

25 July 1945

General Donovan has indicated to General Magruder who in turn, I believe, has informed Mr. Shepardson that there will be no Chief of OSS Mission to Norway as such. Instead, there will be one or more SI and X-2 representatives, and either the senior representative or one especially designated will be responsible to the Ambassador for administrative and disciplinary matters. There is no budget in the Director's Office available to carry separate funds necessary for the Chief of such Mission.

Accordingly, I have on behalf of the Director this date approved the transportation request for Lieut. Leslie T. Fossel to travel to Oslo, Norway on the basis that he is an SI representative and not the OSS Chief of Mission in that country.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.
Lieut. (jg), USNR
Executive Officer

CC: Colonel Kirk

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TO: MR. CHESTON

1. I believe that the disbursements are proper.

2. This is travel necessarily undertaken by Navy orders and is not for the convenience of the individual.

The situation is due to an OSS need and the expenditure thus may be considered a necessary expense of this organization.

No double compensation (from Navy and OSS) will result.

James B. Donovan

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